

WO'SE COMMUNITY



PAN AFRICAN AFFAIRS

This newsletter includes selected information and websites to check for Pan-African events and resources; and it is compiled by the WO'SE Council Elder for Pan African Affairs. You may view current and past monthly issues if you log on to the WO'SE Community website <http://www.wosecommunity.org/> and click on "Pan African Affairs Newsletter" under Latest News. You may also click on the Subscribe link to receive the monthly digital copy.

NOTE: If you have suggestions for additional listings or websites, please send email info to civatestt@yahoo.com.

WO'SE WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAYS 10:30am – 12:30pm

8924 Holly Street, Oakland, CA 94621 / Call 510-632-8230

INFORMATION & ACTIVITIES FOR WO'SE & ILE OMODE SCHOOL:

For Ile Omode School at WO'SE: <http://www.ileomode.org/>

For WO'SE: <http://www.wosecommunity.org/> OR <https://www.facebook.com/WoseCommunity/>

For the WO'SE Community in Sacramento: <http://www.wosesacramento.com/>

"WHAT IS WO'SE THEOLOGY?"

A Discussion by Baba Jahi

<http://youtu.be/Uh-IXTMrTIY>

"VISIONS & VICTORIES: VOICES FROM THE WORLD AFRICAN COMMUNITY"

A Newsletter by Mxolisi Ozo Sowande, WO'SE's Minister Emeritus

<https://hcvoice.wordpress.com/about/>

WO'SE GREETING: "ANKH, UDJA SENE!" = "May you have Life, Prosperity and Health!"

FEBRUARY 2018 / 6259 AKC (Ancient Kmt Calendar)

NOTE: THERE WILL BE AN UPDATE TO THIS ISSUE IN MID FEBRUARY

AFRICAN HERITAGE / BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Check for Black History Month events listed on pages 5 – 20 + 27 - 31 of this newsletter.

NOTE: the website below includes info for the 2018 official Black History Month theme ("African Americans in Times of War") and other info from the founding organization, Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH). Website: <https://asalh.org/>

THOUGHTS TO SHARE: Zimbabwe provides Africans many lessons

<http://www.herald.co.zw/zimbabwe-provides-africans-many-lessons/>

WISDOM FROM THE HUSIA

“Follow in the footsteps of your Ancestors, for the mind is trained through knowledge. Behold, their words endure in book. Open and read them and follow their wise council. For one who is taught becomes skilled.”

From: “The Husia: Sacred Wisdom of Ancient Egypt” /
The Book of Kheti, Section 2 (II), p. 50 / c1984 by Maulana Karenga

PAN AFRICAN PROVERB / WISDOM FOR THE MONTH



“Reach back and gather the best of what our past has to teach us so that we can achieve our full potential as we move forward. Whatever we have lost, forgotten, forgone or been stripped of, can be reclaimed, revived, preserved and perpetuated.”

The above ADINKRA symbol of West Africa / Ghana is represented either by a bird with its head turned backwards taking an egg off its back, or as a stylized heart shape.

PAN AFRICAN MISSIONS FOR THE DECADE...LET'S DO IT !!!

“INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT”

This is a United Nations Resolution that covers the decade from January 1, 2015 until December 31, 2024, with the theme “People of African Descent: Recognition, Justice and Development”. Check details in the links below. If you have any project / program suggestions or contributions for this very special mission of the decade, please contact the

WO'SE Pan African Affairs Elder at: cjyatestt@yahoo.com

UN Links for events and other info: <http://www.un.org/en/events/africandescentdecade/upcoming-events.shtml>

AND http://www.un.org/pga/101214_launch-international-decade-people-african-descent/ AND

<http://www.un.org/en/events/africandescentdecade/index.shtml>

STATE OF THE BLACK WORLD CONFERENCE (SOBWC) IV

Held November 2016, and includes Conference summary, program, declaration and more. Special workshops on reparations, the Afro family, Afro economic issues and implications for the Pan African world.

<http://sobwc.ibw21.org/>

THE KILIMANJARO DECLARATION

Africans Rising for Justice, Peace and Dignity

On 23-24 August 2016, two hundred and seventy two representatives from civil society, trade unions, women, young people, men, people living with disabilities, parliamentarians, media organizations and faith-based groups, from across Africa and the African Diaspora gathered in Arusha, Tanzania and committed to build a pan-African movement that recognizes these rights and freedoms of our People. Read (and sign) the Declaration on the website below.

<http://www.africans-rising.org/2016/08/24/the-kilimanjaro-declaration/>

REPARATIONS PROJECTS: NATIONAL / REGIONAL / INTERNATIONAL

If you are interested in or planning any local or global Reparations project / program please contact the
WO'SE Pan African Affairs Elder at: cjyatestt@yahoo.com

DANNY GLOVER: SPECIAL PRESENTATION ON REPARATIONS (Nov 2017)
<https://ibw21.org/news/actor-danny-glover-advocates-reparations-n-o-benefit/>

REPARATIONS RESOURCE CENTER

Includes information for reparations news and articles; and recommended links to global activities.
<https://ibw21.org/reparations-resource-center/>

NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN REPARATIONS COMMISSION (NAARC) PRELIMINARY 10-POINT REPARATIONS PLAN: CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS CONFERENCE, 2015

The 10-Point Reparations Plan developed by NAARC at the Congressional Black Caucus September 2015 Conference.
https://ibw21.org/docs/naarc/NAARC_Preliminary_Reparations_Program.pdf

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CURRENT PROGRAMS & EVENTS AT WO'SE / ILE OMODE

WO'SE, 8924 Holly Street, Oakland, CA 94621

Need more information for any event at WO'SE / Ile Omode?

Call 510-632-8230 OR Visit the websites:

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For the WO'SE Community in Sacramento: <http://www.wosesacramento.com/>

PLEASE NOTE: WO'SE SERVICES ARE HELD EVERY SUNDAY AT 10:30 AM, WITH "SPECIAL" SESSIONS LISTED BELOW. ALL SUNDAY SERVICES ARE FOLLOWED BY A KARAMU (COMMUNITY FEAST).

WO'SE NEW LIFE SEMINARY (NLS) CLASSES

NOTE: No sessions are scheduled for February

Future sessions are being organized for further study of the spiritual legacies of Ancient Kmt.

Please contact Minister Hodge or Sister Tracy for an update or if you have any questions (510-632-8230).

WO'SE "STONES OF FIRE" CHOIR

February 4th + February 18th (Sundays), part of the 10:30 am service

On the 1st and 3rd Sundays, WO'SE's much praised "Stones of Fire" choir will share inspiring songs from Africa and The African Diaspora. Enjoy the artistic vocal, rhythmic and soul stirring performances that will be enhanced with a spiritual message by a WO'SE Minister. The Karamu follows.

WO'SE MUSIC SERVICE

February 11th + February 25th (Sundays), part of the 10:30 am service

These two special monthly services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays will be interlaced with soul inspiring music by the "Sounds of MAAT" with Brother David Goodlett and friends; and will be enhanced with a spiritual message by a WO'SE Minister. The Karamu follows.

LISTINGS FOR SPECIAL BAY AREA BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS

1. **“BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2018” / San Francisco African American Historical & Cultural Society**
A listing of many events scheduled from February 2 – 28, including: a Special Kickoff at SF City Hall, an Art Exhibit, Maritime Walking Tour, Human Rights Commission Equity Rights Workshops and a Film Festival.
415-292-6172 / <http://theregistrybayarea.com/event/sfaahcs-black-history-month-2018/>
2. **AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH**
A listing of events and links to event listings for U.S. Government agencies that include: The Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and other government divisions.
<https://africanamericanhistorymonth.gov/>
3. **BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2018: UPCOMING EVENTS**
A listing of events throughout the entire Bay Area including San Jose and Marin. Events include performances, awards ceremonies, Mardi Gras, health panels and many social fairs and issues.
<http://theregistrybayarea.com/events/category/holiday-occasion/bhm-2018/>
4. **“MORE THAN A MONTH: BLACK HISTORY, CULTURE & HERITAGE”**
A listing of over 50 free events at all San Francisco Public Libraries from February 1 – 28. Events include: “Ethnicity & Culture That Harmonize With African Genealogy”; “Meet the Amazing Harriet Tubman and Her Three Lives”; “Asheba, Musical Storyteller”; “Hambone, History & Humor” and other topics.
<https://sfpl.org/index.php?pg=1031246201> + <https://sfpl.org/index.php?pg=1100000001&m=all&t=1&s=344>
5. **“AFRICAN AMERICANS IN TIMES OF WAR: RECALL THE PAST AS WE BUILD THE FUTURE”**
Details of the African American Museum & Library of Oakland (AAMLO) weekly film screenings and other events from February 3 – 24.
<http://oaklandlibrary.org/news/2018/01/african-americans-times-war-theme-aamlo-black-history-month-series>
6. **“GULLAH EVENTS: CELEBRATE AND HONOR THE SPIRITUAL THREAD THAT BINDS THE AFRICAN ANCESTORS AND THE GULLAH OF TODAY”**
A listing of a variety of events that are scheduled from February 1 – 23 during this 22nd annual celebration.
<http://gullahcelebration.com/gullah-events>
7. **Ashkenaz Music & Dance Center, 1317 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley 94702 / 510-525-5054**
A listing of a variety of events from Africa and the Diaspora that are scheduled from February 3 – 24.
510-525-5099 / <http://www.ashkenaz.com/eventcalendar?category=BLACK+HISTORY+MONTH>

SELECTED BAY AREA EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2018

NOTE: the listings below are part of the WO'SE "Pan African Affairs Newsletter" for February 2018

FEBRUARY 1 (Thursday), 7 pm; No Fee (RSVP requested: check contact info below)

"BARBARA LEE & ELIHU HARRIS LECTURE SERIES FEATURING CONGRESSMEMBER JAMES CLYBURN"

"Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos Or Community?" is the question that James Clyburn will provide workable solutions for moving forward in his presentation. Clyburn is: the U.S. Representative for South Carolina's 6th congressional district since 1993; the Assistant Democratic Leader since 2011; and current dean of the South Carolina congressional delegation. He was previously House Majority Whip, from 2007 to 2011.

Merritt College Gymnasium, 12500 Campus Drive, Oakland 94619

More info / RSVP 510 434-3988 OR <https://www.facebook.com/events/209171389628767/>

FEBRUARY 1 + 2 (Thursday + Friday), Check times and fees below

"AN EVENING WITH HELA": FEBRUARY 1, 6 – 9 pm

Join the African American Community Health Advisory Committee (AACHAC) for an extraordinary event that features a presentation with members of the Henrietta Lacks family. Published in 2010, "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" has spent 75 weeks on the New York Times Best Seller list, has won multiple awards, and was adapted into a full-length movie featured on HBO and starring Oprah Winfrey. This event will include a panel discussion with two of Mrs. Lacks family members. From 6 - 6:45 pm: VIP Reception Book Sales* and Substantial Hors d'Oeuvres; from 7 - 8 pm: Henrietta Lacks Short Film + Discussion with the Lacks Family + Audience Q&A; and from 8:15 - 9 pm:

Book Sales and Signing: "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot". Event partners are: San Francisco-Peninsula Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and the San Mateo County Health System.

Capuchino High School (Samuel Johnson, Jr. Performing Arts Center), 1501 Magnolia Avenue, San Bruno 94066

More info / Tickets: <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3180961>

FEBRUARY 2 (Friday), 8:15 am – 1:30 pm; No Fee (registration required)

"FREE SEMINAR ON CLINICAL TRIALS"

This seminar brings together the community, health professionals, patient advocates and researchers to learn about clinical trials and its importance among populations of color. Breakfast and lunch provided. There is limited seating and you must be registered to attend! Educational seminar (CEU credits) are available.

Foster City Community Center, 1000 E. Hillsdale Boulevard, Foster City 94404

Register: <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3180961> / If sold out contact AACHAC (650-652-3884)

FEBRUARY 2 (Friday), 12 – 1 pm; No Fee

"SFAAHCS BLACK HISTORY MONTH KICKOFF"

The San Francisco African American Historical & Cultural Society (SFAAHCS) facilitates this annual launching of Black History Month. This year's theme is: "African Americans In Times of War: A Resilient Spirit"; and the guest speaker will be Dr. Dawn Elissa Fisher, Chair of Africana Studies at San Francisco State University.

City Hall Rotunda, 1 Dr Carlton B. Goodlett Plaza, San Francisco 94102

More info: 415-292-6172 OR <http://theregistrybayarea.com/event/sfaahcs-black-history-month-2018/>

FEBRUARY 2 (Friday), 7 pm; \$13 general / \$11 students+ seniors + handicapped / Free for members +UCB

NOTE: The event is included with BAMPFA admission

“FULL: STREET CLASSICAL”

A special program by Karen Seneferu with Bay Area dance legends Medea Sirkas performing with harpist Destiny Muhammad and violinist Tarika Lewis. This is where classical instruments meet street ballet.

BAMPFA (Berkeley Art Museum & Pacific Film Archive), 2155 Center Street, Berkeley 94704

More info: 510-642-0808 OR <https://bampfa.org/event/full-street-classical>

FEBRUARY 2 – 11 (Check website for performance dates + times); \$12.50 + (discounts are available)

“PORT CHICAGO 50 / BLACK REPARATORY GROUP PRODUCTION”

VIP Finale Gala on Saturday, February 10, 8 pm with a Pre-Show Reception and Sea To Soul Food Buffet by Family Pot.

Port Chicago 50 is a story of love for Country, the American Dream and a quest for Equality and Fairness. The dramatic story about the 1944 port explosion is told through the eyes of one of the survivors, Freddie Meeks. Co-Writers David Shackelford and Dennis Rowe shine a light on this time of tragedy in US and Bay Area Black History.

Black Repertory Group Cultural Arts Center (Birel L. Vaughn Theater), 3201 Adeline Street, Berkeley 94703

More info / Tickets: 510-652 - 2120 OR <http://www.blackrepertorygroup.com/portchicago50.html>

FEBRUARY 3 (Saturday), 10 am – 2 pm; No Fee (registration required)

“STATE OF HOUSING IN AFRO (BLACK) AMERICA:

FAITH, FAMILY, AND FINANCES: YOUR PATHWAY TO HOMEOWNERSHIP”

Guest Speaker for the event will be Dr. Kenneth Anderson, Senior Pastor of Williams Chapel Baptist Church. Topics covered will include: Faith Family & Finances; The Value of Homeownership: Should I Buy or Rent?; Budgeting to Buy- How Much Home Can I Afford?; The Mortgage Loan Process; Down Payment, Closing Costs & Grant Solutions; The Power of Credit: Understanding Your Credit Score; and The Home Buying Process.

Lunch & refreshments will be provided, and there is free parking.

WILLIAMS CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH, 1410 10th Avenue, Oakland 94606

More info Register: 415-671-6948 (Marie Sturgell) + 510-418-3007 (Delores Johnson) OR

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/faith-family-and-finances-your-pathway-to-homeownership-tickets-41603239409>

FEBRUARY 3 (Saturday), 1 – 4 pm; No Fee

“RESILIENCE: 28TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF AFRICAN AMERICAN POETS & THEIR POETRY”

Community members of all ages are invited to participate by reading poetry, performing, dancing, or/and displaying works of art. If you're interested in being featured in this program please call the number below to register. This is a special event where you can be in the audience and / or on the stage! Light refreshments will be served.

Oakland Public Library / West Oakland Branch, 1801 Adeline Street, Oakland 94607

More info / Registration: 510-238-7352 OR <http://www.oaklandlibrary.org/events/west-oakland-branch/resilience-28th-annual-celebration-african-american-poets-and-their-poetr>

FEBRUARY 3 (Saturday), 10 am – 2 pm: No Fee

“EIGHTH ANNUAL BAYVIEW JOINT BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION”

Join the celebration for the “Year of the Dog”! There will be local cultural performances; toys and grocery bag giveaways; and raffles for gift cards and other prizes. Lunch will be served. The event is hosted by: the Bayview Hunters Point YMCA, the Community Youth Center of San Francisco (CYC), the Chinatown Community Development Center (CCDC), San Francisco Police Department Operation Dream, and other organizations.

Bayview YMCA, 1601 Lane Street, San Francisco 94124

More info: 415-822-7728 OR <https://www.cycsf.org/2018/01/23/8th-annual-lunar-new-year-black-history-month-celebration/>

FEBRUARY 3 (Saturday), 10 am – 5 pm: No Fee

“22ND ANNUAL THE ART OF LIVING BLACK” / RECEPTION

NOTE: Exhibition continues until March 8, 2018

“The Art of Living Black” speaks to a long history of social struggles, cultural affirmation, and art making as a transformative practice. As a preview exhibition and self-guided open studio art tour that recognizes Bay Area artists of African American descent, the exhibition contains a vast range of artistic endeavors, styles and media that references forgotten cultural histories, struggles and personal identity. This year recognizes the creative talents of Kelvin Curry and Damon Powell, who were awarded the 22nd Annual Spotlight Artists Award.

Richmond Art Center (Main Gallery), 2540 Barrett Avenue, Richmond 94804

More info: 510-620-6772 OR <http://richmondartcenter.org/exhibitions/22nd-annual-the-art-of-living-black/>

FEBRUARY 3 (Saturday), 10 am – 5 pm: No Fee (registration recommended)

“LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVAL”

This year the Oakland Asian Cultural Center (OACC) welcomes in the YEAR OF THE DOG with a Lunar New Year Festival in the heart of Oakland’s Chinatown. Performances /Events include: the Chinatown Lion Club Prince and Princess Contest; Lion Dance; OCCC Opening Ceremony with Public Officials; China's Spirit Music Ensemble; Kid’s Go Mandarin Music & Movement performed by students of Vita Hsieh; Tai Chi performed by students of William Dere; the Emeryville Taiko by Taiko Adult Beginner Students of Susan Horn; and GER Mongolian Youth Center performance by students of Batzorig Dorji, State Merit Artist. There will also be music, dance performances, arts & crafts such as lantern-making, vendors, and more at this free indoor and outdoor extravaganza for all to enjoy!

Oakland Asian Cultural Center, 388 9th Street, Oakland 94607

More info / Registration: 510-637 – 0455 OR

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lunar-new-year-festival-tickets-42157143150>

NOTE: There will also be a “Celebrate Lunar New Year” on February 7, 2018 from 1-4PM at Madison Park on the corner of 8th and Jackson Streets, Oakland. Another free event, hosted by the Friends of Madison Park.

FEBRUARY 3 (Saturday), 11 am – 1 pm: No Fee

“EXHIBIT UNVEILING AND RECEPTION”

Join us this exhibit unveiling and reception featuring Honor Carter Gilmore, the first African-American elected to the Oakland City Council. There will be a short program at 11:30., and light refreshments will be served.

African American Museum & Library at Oakland (AAMLO), 659 14th Street, Oakland 94612

More info: 510-637-0200 OR

<http://oaklandlibrary.org/events/african-american-museum-library-oakland/exhibit-unveiling-and-reception>

FEBRUARY 3 (Saturday), 3 – 6 pm: No Fee (donations appreciated)

“HEALING JUSTICE: FILM SCREENING & FUNDRAISER”

From the director of “Cracking the Codes: the System of Racial Inequity” comes a new film that asks the U.S.A. to talk about the causes and consequences of our current system of justice. Designed for dialogue, “Healing Justice” addresses the youth-to-prison pipeline, the need for comprehensive criminal justice reform, and it highlights the importance of healing methodologies such as restorative justice. Join director and producer, Dr. Shakti Butler, for a screening of Healing Justice and a facilitated conversation. This event will be hosted by Restorative Justice for Oakland Youth (RJOY)

Anasa Yoga, 4232 MacArthur Boulevard, Oakland 94605

More info / donations: <http://rjoyoakland.org/about/> OR <https://www.facebook.com/events/2066117696953836/>

FEBRUARY 4 (Sunday), 3 - 5 pm: \$10 + (suggested donation, no one turned away)

“COOPERATION & SOLIDARITY--A CONVERSATION WITH KALI AKUNO”

Join East Bay Alliance for a Sustainable Economy (EBASE) and Center for Political Education in welcoming Kali Akuno of Cooperation Jackson to discuss his new book, “Jackson Rising: The Struggle for Economic Democracy and Black Self-Determination in Jackson, Mississippi” (Daraja Press). Kali will be in conversation with Najari Smith of Cooperation Richmond and Jackie Byers of Black Organizing Project about the struggle for economic democracy and Black self-determination from Jackson to the Bay Area.

First Congregational Church of Oakland (United Church of Christ) 2501 Harrison Street, Oakland 94612

More info: 415-431-1918 OR <https://www.facebook.com/events/321379995048539/>

FEBRUARY 4 (Sunday), 7 pm: \$20 general (+ Soul Food Dinner for \$10.00)

“KAHIL EL’ZABAR AND THE ETHNIC HERITAGE ENSEMBLE 45TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT”

A special event following the Super Bowl, sponsored by EastSide Arts Alliance & Geoffrey Pete Geoffrey's Inner Circle.

Geoffrey's Inner Circle, 410 14th Street Downtown, Oakland 94612

More info: 510-839-4644 OR

<http://geoffreyslive.com/upcoming/kahil-elzabar-and-the-ethnic-heritage-ensemble-45th-anniversary-concert/>

FEBRUARY 6 (Tuesday), 6 – 8:30 pm; \$7 (RSVP required)

“BLACK THOUGHT LEADERS IN TECH: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE”

Airbnb’s Standard Deviation and Black Affinity Group invite you to join a talk that focuses on Afro thought leaders in technology. Learn more about the past, present and future of Afro (Black) scientists, engineers and designers in Artificial Intelligence, Animation and Marketplace eCommerce; and about the work Airbnb does to build on that today. You’ll hear tech talks by current Airbnb engineers, and witness learning in action through demos by StreetCode Academy students. PLEASE NOTE: you must be 21+ to attend; and an RSVP is required (you will receive a confirmation email if you register correctly). You will enjoy complimentary dinner & drinks at 6pm. The talks will begin at 6:45 pm.

Airbnb Head Quarters, 888 Brannan Street, San Francisco 94103

More info / Tickets / RSVP:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/black-thought-leaders-in-tech-past-present-and-future-tickets-42049656655>

FEBRUARY 6 + 7 (Tuesday + Wednesday), 7 pm; No Fee (donations can be made to the Music & Arts, Inc.)

"CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF EDWIN HAWKINS"

Join the celebration of the life of Bay Area's Edwin Hawkins, a Grammy Award-winning singer who merged gospel and secular sounds in a career highlighted by the crossover hit "Oh Happy Day" in 1969, which was included on the "Songs of the Century" list. Mister Hawkins passed to the next life on January 15th at the age of 74 in Pleasanton.

Harbor Light Church, 4760 Thornton Avenue, Fremont 94536

More info: 510-636-1805

FEBRUARY 7 (Wednesday), 7 pm; No Fee (seating is limited)

"COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS WITH GLENN SINGLETON"

The 15th Annual NIA Speaker of Color Series welcomes Glenn Singleton, author of "Courageous Conversations about Race", for a complimentary talk to effectively engage, sustain, and deepen interracial dialogue. Learn Glenn's award-winning protocol to help remove barriers that prevent all students from reaching their fullest potential.

Head – Royce School (MEW Auditorium), 4315 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland 94602

More info: 510-531-1300 OR http://www.headroyce.org/schools/schoolwide-calendar?cal_date=2018-02-27

FEBRUARY 7 (Wednesday), 7:30 – 9:30 pm; \$12 / \$15 at door

"ROXANNE DUNBAR-ORTIZ: LOADED: A DISARMING HISTORY OF SECOND AMENDMENT"

From the USA's origins in slavery and colonization to today's right wing gun lobby, "Loaded" presents a U.S. history of firearms that will be invaluable for anyone interested in understanding the interconnected histories of racism and gun violence in the United States. Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz is the author of many books, including the recent, widely acclaimed "An Indigenous People's History of the United States". Presented by KPFA Radio 94.1FM with Host Joanna Manqueros.

St. John's Presbyterian Church 2727, College Avenue, Berkeley 94705

More info / Tickets: 800-838-3006 OR 510-967-4495 OR <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3201961>

FEBRUARY 8 (Thursday), 5:30 – 7 pm; No Fee

"CONNECTING US FORWARD"

This event is a follow-up dialogue from the October 2017 event hosted by the African Americans Making Connections (AAMC) on "The State of Black America". This session, "Connecting Us Forward", will feature a panel of activists in the areas of social justice, youth & culture, community involvement and faith initiatives.

Speakers will be: John Jones III, Ryan Nicole, Armand Carr and Pastor Maria Reems.

Lincoln Families 1266 14th Street, Oakland 94607

More info: 510-273-4700 OR 510-272-6695 OR <https://aamakingconnections.org/>

FEBRUARY 8 (Thursday), 7 - 8 pm; \$15 + general / \$10 student + seniors

"PERFORMANCE | THE ALAYO DANCE COMPANY"

Enjoy the carnival-inspired performance by Ramón Ramos Alayo and the Alayo Dance Company. Alayo will choreograph a site-specific work in conjunction with the current exhibition "En Mas: Carnival and Performance Art in the Caribbean". Ramón Ramos Alayo founded the Alayo Dance Company, and as director and choreographer, his work is an innovative fusion of Afro-Cuban modern, folkloric and popular Cuban dance. In 2003 Ramos co-founded and became artistic director of CubaCaribe, a non-profit with the mission to preserve and promote the rich cultural and artistic traditions of the Caribbean and its Diaspora. Alayo Dance Company is the resident company of CubaCaribe.

Museum of the African Diaspora (MoAD), 685 Mission Street (at 3rd), San Francisco 94105

More info / Tickets: 415-358-7200 OR

https://www.moadsf.org/event/performance-the-alayo-dance-company/?instance_id=14337

FEBRUARY 9 (Friday), 6 - 9 pm; \$15 + general / \$10 student + seniors

“PERFORMANCE & CELEBRATION | OTRA MAS’: 40 YEARS OF CARNAVAL IN SAN FRANCISCO”

Enjoy the multi-performance celebration with SF Carnival for Mardi Gras! Presented in conjunction with Otra Mas’ !!!

Museum of the African Diaspora (MoAD), 685 Mission Street (at 3rd), San Francisco 94105

More info / Tickets: 415-358-7200 OR https://www.moadsf.org/event/performance-celebration-otra-mas-40-years-of-carnaval-in-san-francisco/?instance_id=14336

FEBRUARY 9 + 10 (Friday + Saturday), 8 pm (+ 2 pm Saturday); \$54 +

“A RAP ON RACE: SPECTRUM DANCE THEATER”

Visionary choreographer Donald Byrd and renowned playwright Anna Deavere Smith collaborate to bring the conversation between author James Baldwin and anthropologist Margaret Mead into the present moment, in a new dance-theater work performed by Byrd's acclaimed Spectrum Dance Theater. A “Rap on Race”, named after the book published from a transcript of that meeting, combines text with movement and music to communicate the complexities of talking about race, at a time when that conversation is as necessary as ever.

Oakland Metro Operahouse, 522 Second Street, Oakland 94607

More info / Tickets: 510-642-9988 OR

<http://calperformances.org/performances/2017-18/dance/spectrum-dance-theater.php>

FEBRUARY 10 (Saturday), 10 am - 5 pm; \$45 + general / \$35 MoAD members / \$25 students

“ENGAGE: BEYOND FEATHERS & GLITTER” / CARNIVAL SYMPOSIUM

The day-long event is an interactive symposium where visitors will have the opportunity to explore Carnival through engaging conversations and hands-on learning interwoven with lively performances. The symposium is organized in coordination with the exhibition, “En Mas’: Carnival and Performance Art of the Caribbean”, on view at MoAD through March 4, 2018. Admission includes lunch and attendance to all events. There will be Performances by: Mas Makers Massive, Rara Tou Limen, Roberto Borrell, and Shabang! Steel Drum Band; and a Film Screening of “Play the Devil” and discussion with the Director, Maria Govan. There will also be Panel Discussions with: Jacqueline Francis, PhD. (Associate Professor in Visual and Critical Studies, California College of the Arts); Jovan Scott Lewis, PhD. (Assistant Professor of African-American Studies and Geography, UC Berkeley); Jocelyne Guilbault, PhD. (Professor of Music Scholarship, UC Berkeley); Kafi Payne (Doctoral candidate in Urban Education and Leadership, UC Berkeley); Lucia Cantero PhD. (Assistant Professor of Cultural Anthropology, University of San Francisco), and Mechelle Best, PhD. (Associate Professor of Recreation and Tourism Management, Cal State University Northridge).

Museum of the African Diaspora (MoAD), 685 Mission Street (at 3rd), San Francisco 94105

More info / Tickets: 415-358-7200 OR https://www.moadsf.org/event/engage-beyond-feathers-glitter/?instance_id=14363

FEBRUARY 10 (Saturday), 10 am - 3 pm; No Fee (Registration + Continental breakfast begins at 9:30 am)

“28TH ANNUAL BLACK COLLEGE AWARENESS FAIR”

The Rho Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. is pleased to announce this signature event and fair that will begin promptly at 10 am. Students and parents will have the opportunity to: meet representatives from Historically Black Colleges and Universities and representatives from local colleges and universities; listen to panel discussions by recent graduates on life at an HBCU; and obtain valuable college resource and scholarship information.

Stanford University (Tresidder Memorial Union Oak Room), 459 Lagunita Drive, Stanford 94305

More info: 510-290-8028 OR <http://www.bcafair.org/>

FEBRUARY 10 (Saturday), 10 am - 4 pm; No Fee

"ALLENSWORTH BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION"

Join the Friends of Allensworth as they continue to preserve Black History in Allensworth. Allensworth is the only town in California that was completely founded, owned and developed in 1908 by Afro-Descendent Colonel Allensworth and four of his friends. Visitors will have the opportunity to interact with docents dressed in period attire and to go on self paced tours of the park's historic buildings. In 1974 California State Parks purchased land within the historical townsite of Allensworth, and it became the Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park.

Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park, Star Route 1, Box 148, Earlimart California 93219

NOTE: CONTACT THE BAY AREA CHAPTERS REGARDING TRANSPORTATION:

More info: 877-245-6232 OR <http://friendsofallensworth.com/calendar/> + http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=583

FEBRUARY 11 (Sunday), 7 pm (doors open 6 pm); \$18 +

**"OAKLAND INTERFAITH GOSPEL CHOIR WITH SPECIAL GUEST LINDA TILLERY:
4TH ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH"**

Under the direction of Emmy winner Terrance Kelly, the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir brings together singers and instrumentalists who embody a community of diverse races, cultures, and faiths. They also share an uncontainable passion for music. Their mission is to inspire joy and unity among all. Enjoy the spirit!

Freight & Salvage Coffeehouse, 2020 Addison Street, Berkeley 94704

More info / Tickets: 510-644-2020 OR

<https://www.thefreight.org/event/1591650-oakland-interfaith-gospel-berkeley/>

FEBRUARY 13 (Tuesday), 5 pm +; NOTE: tickets for the Blues Concert are free / tickets for the Masquerade Ball are \$40 + (includes admission, beads, dinner and a beverage)

**"MARDI GRAS SAN FRANCISCO STYLE: FAT TUESDAY IN THE FILLMORE WITH:
FREE BLUES CONCERT; PROCESSIONAL & MARDI GRAS MASQUERADE BALL"**

The Village Project will present "Fat Tuesday in the Fillmore", its 12th annual Mardi Gras San Francisco Style, with great music, creative costumes, good food and colorful beads. The celebration includes a free blues concert from 5 - 7 pm, featuring the Silver Fox Blues Band and Fillmore Slim; followed by a New Orleans style procession down the Fillmore Corridor led by the St. Gabriel Brass Band and SambaFunk!. There will also be a colorful family friendly carnival atmosphere, along with face painting, street artists, food vendors and other performers. Following the outdoor festivities, the Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball will take place featuring the Alabama Mike & Band and an evening of New Orleans style food prepared by Nia Soul, dancing to Zydeco and soul train tunes and plenty of partying.

NOTE: Blues Concert + The procession will be at Fillmore & O'Farrell Streets from 5 – 8 pm

**Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball will take place at the Westbay Conference Center, 1290 Fillmore Street, from 8 pm
Fillmore District, San Francisco 94115**

More info: 415-424-2980 (Village Project)

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mardi-gras-san-francisco-style-2018-free-blues-concert-tickets-42214705320?aff=es2>

**NOTE: 6 + pm are afterparties at Bissap Baobab Senegalese Restaurant + other restaurants in the Mission District
<http://www.bissapbaobab.com/san-francisco-events/2018/2/13/carnaval-sf-40th-annivcarnaval-sf-40th-anniversary-mardi-gras-fat-tuesday-party>**

FEBRUARY 15 (Thursday), 6:30 – 8 pm; No Fee

“EN MAS: CARNIVAL AND PERFORMANCE ART IN THE CARIBBEAN EXHIBITION: CURATOR’S TALK”

Join the conversation about the current MoAD with Curator Claire Tancons, and Professor Shannon Jackson (Rhetoric and Theater, Dance and Performance Studies, UC Berkeley). “EN MAS” introduces performance art with a focus on the influence that Carnival and related masquerading traditions (in and of the Caribbean and its Diasporas) have had on contemporary performance discourse and practice, in both the artistic and curatorial realms. The program will include a wine reception. Since 2012, Claire Tancons has initiated a series of collaborations tackling different aspects of public ceremonial culture, civic rituals, carnival and processional performance. Shannon Jackson is the author of “Counter-Carnival in a Performance-Friendly World,” in the En Mas’ catalogue and other writings.

Museum of the African Diaspora (MoAD), 685 Mission Street (at 3rd), San Francisco 94105

More info / Tickets: 415-358-7200 OR https://www.moadsf.org/event/curators-talk-claire-tancons-in-conversation-with-shannon-jackson/?instance_id=14340

FEBRUARY 15 (Thursday), 7 pm; Check theater

“BLACK PANTHER FILM SCREENINGS IN BAY AREA”

Screenings begin all over the Bay Area on this date. ABOUT THE FILM: After the death of his father, T'Challa returns home to the African nation of Wakanda to take his rightful place as king. When a powerful enemy suddenly reappears, T'Challa's mettle as king -- and as Black Panther -- gets tested when he's drawn into a conflict that puts the fate of Wakanda and the entire world at risk. Faced with treachery and danger, the young king must rally his allies and release the full power of Black Panther to defeat his foes and secure the safety of his people. Directed by Ryan Coogler; and actors include Chadwick Boseman, Michael B. Jordan, Lupita Nyong'o and Danai Gurira.

THEATRE LOCATION + SHOWTIMES: Search “Black Panther Showtimes” on Google and choose the theater

TRAILER AVAILABLE ON YOUTUBE <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x02xX2dv6bQ>

FEBRUARY 16 – 25 (Check website for performance dates + times); \$ 12.50 + (discounts are available)

“A SHIRLEY CHISHOLM STORY: UNBOUGHT & UNBOSSSED / THE STAGE PLAY”

This Black Repertory Group (BRG) productions is a riveting retrospective journey into Shirley Chisholm's road leading up to the presidential campaign of the first African American woman to win the Democratic Party's nomination. Shirley Chisholm had the intellect, dignity and fierceness to trailblaze her way through the political arena. As a community advocate and the first African American Congresswoman, elected in 1968 (NY), Shirley believed that “Nothing is more important than solving the domestic problems of poverty, ignorance, racism and hunger.”

Black Repertory Group Cultural Arts Center (Birel L. Vaughn Theater), 3201 Adeline Street, Berkeley 94703

More info / Tickets: 510-652 - 2120 OR <http://www.blackrepertorygroup.com/unbought---unbossed.html>

FEBRUARY 17 (Saturday), 9 am – 5 pm; \$7+

“ANNUAL BLACK COLLEGE EXPO”

Join the Expo! Students can meet with top HBCUs and may: Get Accepted on the SPOT; receive Scholarships on the SPOT; Audition for Band Scholarships; receive waivers for applications fees; and meet with companies about internships and careers. College Transfer Students may get accepted on the spot! Students may come prepared with transcripts, ACT or SAT scores and reach out to all the schools present. The Expo will be from 9am to 3pm; and the After Show with a Step Show and Dance Off For Cash from 3pm to 5pm, and more!

Oakland Marriott City Center, 1001 Broadway, Oakland 94607

More info / Tickets: 877-427-4100 OR <https://www.thecollegeexpo.org/events/oakland> OR <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/oakland-black-college-expo-tickets-34810826118>

FEBRUARY 17 (Saturday), 1 – 4 pm; No Fee

“HUEY P. NEWTON COMMUNITY CELEBRATION”

Join the celebration of the life of Huey P. Newton. Author Lisa Perlman will discuss two books that she wrote on the People v. Huey Newton court case. A film about his life will also be shown, and people who knew Huey will speak.

Oakland Public Library / West Oakland Branch, 1801 Adeline Street, Oakland 94607

More info: 510-238-7352 OR <http://www.oaklandlibrary.org/events/west-oakland-branch/huey-p-newton-community-celebration>

FEBRUARY 18 (Sunday), 8 – 10 pm (doors open at 7 pm; \$50+

“BELOVED OAKLAND 2018!”

Join the new and old faces of Oakland for a “One Night Oakland Love Explosion” to honor Oakland's social justice legacy and unite around solutions for Urban Equity & Inclusion. The music, live art & program will include: 2017 Grammy Winner blues musician Fantastic Negrito, Hip Hop soul musician, Kev Choice & Oakland School of the Arts, KMEL DJ DC, Blues siren Naima Shalhoub, Hip Hop poet Ise Lyfe, Black Lives Matter Co-Founder Alicia Garza, Activist Artist Favianna Rodriguez, Destiny Arts Dance Crew, Afro-eclectic combo band Elephantine, East Oakland Native & Super Bowl Champ Gerris Wilkinson, and EastSide Arts NuDekades!! Oakland's Original Social Justice Icons Honorees include: Congressman Ron Dellums, Yuri Kochiyama, Ericka Huggins & the Black Panther School, Betita Martinez, Clem Daniels, and Kaiser Permanente. Event proceeds will benefit solutions for Urban Equity & Inclusion that includes the East Oakland Black Culture Zone, the social justice incubator hub, and regional anti-displacement campaigns!

Fox Theater, 1807 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland 94612

More info / Tickets: <https://www.belovedoakland.org/> OR

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/beloved-oakland-2018-tickets-41530407567?ref=ebtnebtckt>

FEBRUARY 18 + 25 (Check website for performance dates + times); \$ 12.50 + (discounts are available)

“THE WIZ ENCORE”

Ease on down the road with Dorothy and friends as the Black Repertory Group (BRG) BRG Mainstage Productions brings the wonder and amazement of "The Wiz" to the BRG stage in celebration of the 54th Season. "The Wiz" is a staged musical filled with quick witted action and comedy. "The Wiz" is a timeless classic that inspires audiences to sing along with Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man and the Lion as they dance their way to Em City and their magical journey through Oz.

Black Repertory Group Cultural Arts Center (Birel L. Vaughn Theater), 3201 Adeline Street, Berkeley 94703

More info / Tickets: 510-652 - 2120 OR <http://www.blackrepertorygroup.com/the-wiz.html>

FEBRUARY 19 (Monday), 6 – 7:30 pm (9 – 10:30 pm, EST); No Fee

“TELL THEM WE ARE RISING: THE STORY OF BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES” / FILM SCREENING

Tune in on PBS-TV for the screening of this 90 minute film directed by award-winning documentary filmmaker Stanley Nelson. The film examines the impact that Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) have had on American history, culture, and national identity. HBCUs for more than 150 years have been a haven for Afro (Black) intellectuals, artists and revolutionaries and a path of promise toward the American dream; and they have educated the architects of freedom movements and cultivated leaders in every field. The film project is funded with support from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and the Lumina Foundation; and will air nationally on the acclaimed PBS series, “Independent Lens”.

NOTE: Check the PBS channel on your System

More info: <http://www.hbcuring.com/>

FEBRUARY 20 (Tuesday), 9 am – 4 pm; No Fee (Registration required 9 – 9:30 am)

“HEALING OUR FAMILIES AND STRENGTHENING OUR ROOTS IN THE COMMUNITY”

The goal of this conference is to increase attendees’ understanding of mental health and wellness as well as prevention and treatment, as it relates to Afro (Black) people by understanding the intersection of history, context, family, community and culture; and the interconnected and overlapping factors that contribute to mental wellness and treatment. The Keynote Presentation will be made by Dr. Cheryl Grills, Professor of Psychology at Loyola Marymount University and Associate Dean in the College of Liberal Arts. Dr. Grills’ current work in the area of racial stress focuses on trainings associated with racism and development of community-based self-help models in the US and globally. The conference afternoon agenda will include panel presentations, group discussions and interactive activities.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND? : Staff that Provide Services to the Black Community; Consumers; Family Members and all other Stakeholders. The event is hosted by the City of Berkeley Mental Health Division.

There will be free Morning Refreshments, a Soul Food Lunch and Entertainment.

Berkeley Yacht Club, 1 Seawall Drive, Berkeley 94710

More info / Register: 510-981-5290 OR <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/healing-our-families-and-strengthening-our-roots-in-the-community-tickets-23474837872>

FEBRUARY 21 (Wednesday), 10 am; No Fee

“UNIQUE DERIQUE”

The Bay Area's beloved Unique Derique will teach the African roots and rhythms of Hambone body percussion and its evolution in the U.S. in a lively presentation and performance. This creative experience inspires participants to learn playful rhythms and to express their own Hambone musical styles!

Oakland Public Library / West Oakland Branch, 1801 Adeline Street, Oakland 94607

More info: 510-238-7352 OR <http://www.oaklandlibrary.org/events/west-oakland-branch/unique-derique>

FEBRUARY 21 (Wednesday), 6 - 8 pm, \$10 general

“BOOK LAUNCH PARTY FOR AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF BETTY REID SOSKIN”

Join the book launching for “Sign My Name To Freedom”, a memoir of the pioneering life of Betty Reid Soskin. In her 96 years of living, she has been a witness to a grand sweep of U.S. history that includes: the lynching of African-Americans; stories from her great-grandmother who had been enslaved until she was in her mid-20s; the beginning of the breakdown of race and gender biases in the U.S.; and finally to her witness of both the election of an African-American president and the re-emergence of a militant, racist far right. “Mama” was raised in the Afro (Black) Bay Area community before the great westward migration of World War II. She and her husband, Mel Reid, raised four children, and they opened up one of the first Bay Area record stores in Berkeley dedicated to the distribution of African-American music. Her community organizing activities eventually led her to work as a state legislative aide, helping to plan the innovative Rosie the Riveter National Park in Richmond, California, then to a “second” career at the Rosie Park as the oldest Park Ranger in the history of the National Park Service. In 2003, Ms. Soskin created the popular blog CBreaux Speaks that harbors a collection of her brightly honest story that weaves the wisdom of the ages. The book blends together selections from her blog entries with interviews, letters, and speeches collected throughout her long life.

Geoffrey's Inner Circle, 410 14th Street Downtown, Oakland 94612

More info: 510-839-4644 OR

<http://geoffreyslives.com/upcoming/book-launch-party-for-autobiography-of-betty-reid-soskin/>

FEBRUARY 22 (Thursday), 5 - 8 pm, \$7 / no fee for BLSA members

"4TH ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY KNOWLEDGE BOWL"

On behalf of the Black Law Students' Association (BLSA) Chapter at Golden Gate University School of Law (GGU), you are invited to participate in the 4th Annual Black History Knowledge Bowl in honor of Black History Month. A Knowledge Bowl is an academically competitive program that tests a student's knowledge of Afro contributions to law and politics, history, education, and entertainment. Building a future as Afro attorneys requires reflection on Afro (Black) history.

Golden Gate University School of Law, 536 Mission Street (GGU Center - 6th Floor), San Francisco 94105

More info / Tickets:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ggu-bsla-4th-annual-black-history-knowledge-bowl-tickets-42342105377>

FEBRUARY 22 (Thursday), 6 - 8 pm, No Fee

"MACY'S CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH"

You are invited to join Macy's for a celebration of Afro (black) innovators and trailblazers for Black History Month! The host, Mission Bit CEO Stevon Cook, will facilitate an in-depth conversation with Qubilah Shabazz (cofounder of the Malcolm X Legacy clothing line), the human rights activist's second daughter and Erik Moore (founder of angel investor firm Base Ventures) on how Black History has influenced their careers and business ventures. Following the discussion, participants can stick around to meet the guests and enjoy music and refreshments

Macy's Union Square, 170 O'Farrell Street, San Francisco 94102

More info: 415-397-3333 OR <http://theregistrybayarea.com/event/macys-celebrates-black-history-month-2/>

FEBRUARY 22 (Thursday), 7 - 8:30 pm; \$10 general / \$5 student + senior

"MUSIC OF NEW ORLEANS & THE CARIBBEAN: LECTURE WITH DR. TEODROSS AVERY"

Come celebrate with Dr. Teodross Avery as he takes you on a journey of the music: including Soca of Trinidad, Samba of Salvador de Bahia, Zouk of Guadeloupe, Mardi Gras' of New Orleans, and Calypso of Brooklyn. While growing up in Oakland and Vacaville, California, Prof Avery heard all kinds of music blaring out of his father's stereo speakers, including West African music, Funk, Rock, and Soul Jazz. In 1994, he released his debut album, "In Other Words" that received five stars in USA Today. In 2016, he received a Doctorate in Jazz Studies from the University of Southern California (USC).

Museum of the African Diaspora (MoAD), 685 Mission Street (at 3rd), San Francisco 94105

More info / Tickets: 415-358-7200 OR https://www.moadsf.org/event/lecture-demonstration-music-of-new-orleans-the-caribbean-with-dr-teodross-avery/?instance_id=14354

FEBRUARY 24 (Saturday), 8:30 am - 4 pm; \$55+

"HEALTH UPRISING: NURSES JOINING THE STREGGLE TO TRANSFORM HEALTHCARE IN AMERICA"

7TH ANNUAL FLORENCE STROUD BLACK HISTORY MONTH CONFERENCE SERIES

The Bay Area Black Nurses Association (BABNA) created the "Florence Stroud Black History Month Conference Series" in order to educate, entertain, and enlighten participants regarding current health and social inequality among people of African Heritage. Florence Stroud was a Nurse Trailblazer and Co-founder of the Bay Area Black Nurses Association. Licensed participants will receive 6 continuing education units for participating. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. The Keynote speakers will be Dr. Joy DeGruy (author of "Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome") and Dr. Claudia Fegan (National Coordinator of Physicians for a National Health Program + co-author of "Universal Healthcare: What the United States Can Learn From Canada").

Merritt College (Newton Seale Student Lounge: R110), 12500 Campus Drive, Oakland 94619

More info / Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bay-area-black-nurses-association-inc-presents-the-7th-annual-florence-stroud-black-history-month-tickets-42353981900>

FEBRUARY 24 (Saturday), 1 - 3 pm; No Fee

"AFRICAN AMERICAN QUILT GUILD OF OAKLAND'S ANNUAL DEMONSTRATION"

Celebrate African American History Month with the African American Quilt Guild of Oakland's Annual Demonstration and Workshop. Supplies will be provided so that you can make your own quilt. An event for all levels and ages.

Oakland Public Library / West Oakland Branch, 1801 Adeline Street, Oakland 94607

More info: 510-238-7352 OR <http://www.oaklandlibrary.org/events/west-oakland-branch/african-american-quilt-guild-oaklands-annual-demonstration-0>

FEBRUARY 24 (Saturday), 1 - 5 pm; Check website for ticket price

"BLACK VINES 2018 A TOAST TO AFRO (BLACK) WINERIES AND DIVERSE ART"

This is "Black Vines" 7th Black History Month wine tasting event honoring the contributions of Afro (Black) Artists, Musicians and Business & Black Owned Wineries. Whether you are new to wine tasting, or a seasoned taster, this event is for you! Proceeds from this event will be donated to Oakland Youth Aspire, a Saturday Youth Program located at DeFremery Park. Ticket Price Includes: Admission, Gourmet Hors D'oeuvres, Black Vines Keepsake Glass with open Tastings from featured wineries (in support of drinking responsibly).

DeFremery Recreation Center Recreation Center Social Hall, 1651 Adeline Street, Oakland 94607

More info / Tickets: 510-423-3554 OR <http://www.blackvines.net/>

FEBRUARY 24 (Saturday), 3 - 6 pm; No Fee

"BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENT: MINDFUL DRUMMING WORKSHOP"

This is an annual Black History Month event hosted by the Attitudinal Healing Connection to raise funds for the ArtEsteem Program- a self-esteem building and skills for at promise children and youth. Join this workshop with BaBa Kokomon Clottey for an experiential gathering of Mindful Drumming, movement and deep inner work. Experience the ancient art of synchronistic rhythms and sounds for healing and unleashing the spirit of human potential. BaBa Clottey is a native of Ghana, West Africa and is the author of "Mindful Drumming, Ancient Wisdom of Unleashing the Human Spirit and Building Community." He is a master drummer, storyteller, record producer, author and teacher. He is also the cofounder and Executive Director of the Attitudinal Healing Connection Inc., in Oakland, California and in Ghana, West Africa. He was born to the Ga Adagbe group in Accra that is rich with ancient codes of conduct, deep spiritual beliefs, and rituals of power. He is cherished for his contributions to development of Afro cultures.

Attitudinal Healing Connection (AHC), 3278 West Street, Oakland 94608

More info / Registration: 510-652-5530 OR <http://www.ahc-oakland.org/mindful-drumming-1>

FEBRUARY 24 + 25 (Saturday + Sunday), 11 am – 6 pm; No Fee (except for the RIP Fashion Show)

"30TH ANNUAL SACRAMENTO BLACK HISTORY MONTH EXPO 2018"

There will be a lineup of educational activities and exciting shows for the entire family that include: Saving Our Children Summit; Billionaire Business Owner & Black History Makers Legends Award Honoree Janice Bryant Howroyd; and State of Black Sacramento presented by Sac NAACP. The Expo will include: 200+ Exhibitors, Fashion Shows, Soul Food, Health, Youth World; and Tributes to Afro (Black) History Makers and The History of Afro (Black) Labor, AND MORE !

Cal Expo Exhibit Halls A-B, 1600 EXPOSITION BLVD, SACRAMENTO 95815

More info: 916-477-0157 OR <http://www.blackexpoevents.info/>

FEBRUARY 24 + 25 (Saturday + Sunday), Check website below for forthcoming details

“BRASARTE BRINGS THE BEST OF BRAZIL TO THE BAY AREA!”

SAVE THE DATES FOR YEMANJA ARTS FESTIVAL 2018

Saturday, February 24 (at Casa de Cultura, Berkeley)

Sunday, February 25 (at Dance Mission, San Francisco)

BrasArte presents this unique two-night performing arts festival celebrating the spirit of Yemanjá, the African-Yoruba deity that honors the essential, beautiful and sometimes-dangerous nature of water. Inspired by the original Yemanjá Festival celebrated in Bahia, Brazil, the Yemanjá Arts Festival will bring together celebrated artists and dancers from across the Bay Area and Los Angeles, interpreters of traditional and modern art forms from the African Diaspora (Brazil, the Caribbean, and the U.S.) that pay homage to Yemanjá/Iemanjá/Yemoja/Yemayá.

Details / More info: 510-528-1958 OR <http://www.brasarte.com/>

FEBRUARY 25 (Sunday), 12:30 - 7 pm; No Fee (donations appreciated)

“BLACK JOY PARADE”

You are invited to “be present, be creative, be open and be free” at the first year for the “Black Joy Parade”, a hyper-positive, family-friendly event that celebrates the Afro (Black) experience and our community's contribution to cultures past, present and future. A Celebration follows the parade that begins at 12:30 pm, and will feature local Afro (Black) artists, craftsman, food and more. Visit the website if you want to be in the parade, volunteer, become a vendor or inquire about sponsorships.

Parade Route: 14th and Alice to 19th and Broadway, Oakland 94612

More info / Join the Parade: <https://www.blackjoyparade.org/>

FEBRUARY 25 (Sunday), 1 - 5 pm; No Fee (Space is limited so register early)

“FIFTH ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION”

The Celebration will include the screening of “Gina’s Journey, The Search for William Grimes” (based on the “Afterword, Life of William Grimes, the Runaway Slave”), which reveals Regina’s path to authenticate her ancestor’s story. Prior to the showing of the film in the Osher Room, there will be musical entertainment, historical exhibits and arts and crafts vendors. Sponsors for the Berkeley Black History Month Celebration are: City of Berkeley, Berkeley Juneteenth Cultural Celebrations (BJCC), and Berkeley NAACP.

Ed Roberts Campus, 3075 Adeline Street, Berkeley 94703

More info: 510-655-8008 OR <http://theregistrybayarea.com/event/fifth-annual-black-history-month-celebration/>

FEBRUARY 27 (Tuesday), 5:30 – 8 pm; No Fee

“DEATH BY DELIVERY: FILM SCREENING AND PANEL DISCUSSION”

Join the UCSF Preterm Birth Initiative for a special screening of the documentary film “The Naked Truth: Death by Delivery”, followed by a panel on maternal mortality and early birth with discussion focused on community solutions for what can be done about this epidemic affecting Afro women and babies.

Bayview Opera House (Ruth Williams Memorial Theatre), 4705 3rd Street, San Francisco 94124

More info: <http://theregistrybayarea.com/event/death-by-delivery-film-screening-and-panel-discussion/>

FEBRUARY 28 (Wednesday), 10 am – 3 pm; No Fee

**“FINDING BLACK PSYCHOLOGY- TOWARD A NEW MENTAL HEALTH PARADIGM:
A TRIBUTE TO DR. JOSEPH WHITE”**

For the Morning Session Dr. Wade Nobles, PhD, will deliver a keynote address and tribute to Dr. Joseph L. White focused on the evolution of Black Psychology and its critique and correction of Western Mental Health paradigms and practices, including nosology, traditional spirit science and client centered healing. Dr. Nobles is a co-founder of the National Association of Black Psychologists and a leading architect in the field of culturally congruent behavioral sciences. For the Afternoon Session Amber McZeal (PhD Candidate) will facilitate a workshop entitled “Black Psychology 2.0: Exploring the Decolonial Turn in Psychology” that will explore new theoretical and intellectual gestures in the field of mental health to create more culturally competent models, approaches, and health determinants. The event is facilitated by the Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services’ Office of Ethnic Services

African American Museum and Library at Oakland (AAMLO), 659 14th Street, Oakland 94612

More info: 510-637-0200 OR 800-491-9099 OR <http://theregistrybayarea.com/event/black-history-month-finding-black-psychology-toward-a-new-mental-health-paradigm-a-tribute-to-dr-joseph-white/>

SPECIAL EXTENDED BAY AREA EVENTS

NOW UNTIL FEBRUARY 25, 2018, Check website below for details on days, hours, fees and events

“QUESTION BRIDGE: BLACK MALES”

Hailed as one of the Bay Area’s Top Exhibitions in 2012 by the San Francisco Chronicle, “Question Bridge: Black Males” returns to the Oakland Museum of California. You may immerse yourself in intimate videos from a diverse group of over 160 black men across the US. Hear these men answer each other’s questions with exceptional honesty and vulnerability, and share stories, beliefs, and values in a personal portrayal of their lives. This exhibition is sponsored by the Bay Area Video Coalition and supported in part by a grant from the Open Society Institute: Campaign for Black Male Achievement, The Tribeca Film Institute, the Sundance Film Institute’s New Frontier Story Lab, and other organizations.

Oakland Museum of California (OMCA), 1000 Oak Street (at 10th Street), Oakland 94607

More info / Tickets: 510-318-8400/318-8505 OR <http://museumca.org/exhibit/question-bridge-black-males-2017>

NOW UNTIL APRIL 1, 2018, check website below for details on days, hours, fees and events

“REVELATIONS: ART FROM THE AFRICAN AMERICAN SOUTH”

The exhibit features the acquisition of 62 works by contemporary African American artists from the Souls Grown Deep Foundation in Atlanta. The cultural origins of these artworks can be traced back to the early African Diaspora, slavery, and the Jim Crow era of institutionalized racism in the southern U.S. Included in the current acquisition are paintings, sculptures, drawings, and quilts by 22 acclaimed artists.

De Young Museum / Golden Gate Park, 50 Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive, San Francisco 94118

More info / Tickets: 415-750-3600 OR <https://deyoung.famsf.org/exhibitions/revelations-art-african-american-south>

ONGOING BAY AREA EVENTS & SPECIAL PROJECTS

(Check each website for current activities / programs / resources)

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SAVE NUBIA PROJECT

A special project coordinated by Bay Area's Professor Manu Ampim to document that the areas designated for dam construction in northern and central Sudan should be preserved. The areas are valuable UNESCO World Heritage Sites in danger of being destroyed, and are homelands of the Nubians who have occupied the area for millennia.

More info / to assist with the project: 510-273-2456 OR info@savenubia.org OR www.SaveNubia.org

BLACK GIRLS PLAY

Black Girls Play (BGP) is a holistic program sponsored by the Oakland Public Conservatory of Music that combines music education, mentoring, entrepreneurship and leadership development for aspiring Black Girl musicians (age 11 – 18) in Oakland. The program provides: Private lessons, Performance Ensembles, Mentorship, Business of Music/Entrepreneurship and Production. To register, applicants should have: a minimum of one year private or group instruction in music; and the ability to read and to learn music.

More info / Registration: 510-836-4649 OR <http://www.opcmusic.org/BlackGirlsPlay.php>

FILHOS DE BIMBA BAY AREA

Filhos de Bimba Bay Area was founded on June 10, 1986 by Manoel Nascimento Machado (Mestre Nenel), the son of Mestre Bimba, the creator of Capoeira Regional, and one of the most influential masters of Capoeira. Capoeira is an Afro-Brazilian martial art that combines music, dance, acrobatics, and self-defense. Music and song accompanied by percussion is an inherent part of Capoeira, and an integral part of what is taught at Filhos de Bimba Bay Area. The school preserves the cultural legacy of Africa, with its effective method of teaching, character building, and rituals.

More info / Registration: <http://capoeirabayarea.com/>

AFRICA FOR THE AFRICANS: TOURS AND INVESTMENTS

(Check website for details on future tours and special events)

The tour company conducts ultimate journeys to the motherland to experience a vibrant Africa with a mix of roots, culture, paradise, night life, shopping, networking, business and investment opportunities. Upcoming tours are: Ghana Repatriation & Investment tour May 23-June 5, 2018 for \$3,600; Ghana, Togo & Benin Roots Tour Nov 17-Dec 1, 2017 for \$3,800; The Ethiopia Roots & Culture Tour (this was rescheduled with optional tour to Tanzania Nov 16-30, 2018 for \$3,600 Ethiopia & \$1,000 Tanzania; Brazil Roots & Culture Tour July 20-29, 2018 for \$3,600. These are all inclusive packages that includes full accommodations and round trip flights on Delta Airlines from Atlanta, Georgia.

More info / Registration: <https://www.africafortheafricans.org/>

SPECIAL FREE VIDEOS / FILMS TO WATCH

NOTE: Your suggestions for more free listings will be appreciated

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1. "AFROPOP X": Segments of the this tenth year series will screen from January 15 through February on Mondays at 5 pm and Tuesdays at 12 noon on the Comcast KQED World channel (#190 in the Bay Area).
2. "KOJO": a short documentary on gifted 12-year-old jazz drummer Kojo Odu Roney. The film and the film maker have received numerous awards. The film was funded by the National Black Programming Consortium and screened in the 2017 PBS Online Film Festival.
<http://www.pbs.org/filmfestival/2017-festival/kojo/>
3. The Ringshout & the Birth of African-American Religion (watch on YouTube)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KmmTMg3e5Uo>
4. "The Black Panther Party in San Francisco: Impact, Legacy, and Continued Inspiration" (Black Panther Party Program by the California Historical Society, April 21, 2016)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aS9ip138MBo>
5. McIntosh County Shouters: Gullah-Geechee Ring Shout from Georgia (performance)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uxPU5517u8c>
6. Roots 2016 Series Previously Shown on the History Channel
<http://roots.history.com/episodes>
7. Film: "Untold Legacy" by Dr. Leslie Brown (watch online or download)
<http://mandamushow.top/downloads/download-free-untold-legacy-2006-leslie-k-brown.html>
8. "Afropop Caribbean Films" (watch now until further notice!)
<http://blackpublicmedia.org/afropop-caribbean-shorts/>
9. "Afropop Season 9" : new films to watch and appreciate (some study guides available)
<http://blackpublicmedia.org/afropop/#season9>

NOTE: You may also link to films for Seasons 1 - 8

PAN AFRICAN HOLIDAYS / SPECIAL EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2018

NOTE: worldwide carnivals and pre-carnivals are scheduled in many nations on February 12th (Carnival Monday) and February 13th (Carnival Tuesday). Some of the nations with formal carnival holidays around this time are: Angola, Aruba, Bonaire/St. Eustatius/Saba, Brazil, Cape Verde, Curacao, Dominica, Guyane (French Guiana), Grenada, Guadeloupe, Haiti, Martinique, Saint Barthelemy, Saint Martin and Trinidad & Tobago. You can do a Google search with the name for any nation and include carnival 2018 for details (example: "Aruba carnival 2018").

FEBRUARY 1: "Abolition of Slavery" in Mauritius; and "National Heroes' Day" in Rwanda. **FEBRUARY 3:** "Heroes' Day" in Mozambique; and "Martyrs' Day" in Sao Tome and Principe. **FEBRUARY 4:** "Liberation Day" in Angola (in memory of the Baixa de Cassanje revolt). **FEBRUARY 5:** "Unity Day" in Burundi. **FEBRUARY 7:** "Independence Day" in Grenada. **FEBRUARY 11:** "Youth Day" in Cameroon; and "Armed Forces Day" in Liberia. **FEBRUARY 16:** "Archbishop JananiLuwum Memorial Day" in Uganda; **FEBRUARY 17:** "Revolution Day" in Libya; **FEBRUARY 18:** "Independence Day" in The Gambia. **FEBRUARY 21:** "Robert Gabriel Mugabe National Youth Day" in Zimbabwe. **FEBRUARY 22:** "Independence Day" in Saint Lucia. **FEBRUARY 23:** "Republic Day" in Guyana. **FEBRUARY 25:** "Day of Liberation and Innovation" in Suriname. **FEBRUARY 27:** "Independence Day" in The Dominican Republic.

SELECTED AFRICAN / AFRICAN DIASPORA HISTORY NOTES FOR FEBRUARY

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- FEBRUARY 1:** 1865 – John S. Rock became the first Afro-Descendent attorney to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court.
- 1870 - Jonathan Jasper Wright became the first Afro-Descendent judge elected to the South Carolina Supreme Court.
- 1902 – Langston Hughes, social activist, play writer, novelist (and more), was born in Joplin Missouri.
- 1926 - Carter G. Woodson, the "Father of Black History," initiated the first celebration of "Negro History Week". In 1976 it was expanded to "Black History (African Heritage) Month."
- 1960 - Three African American students from North Carolina A&T staged a sit-in against segregation at the Woolworth lunch counter in Greensboro. They were honored on a U.S. Postage Stamp. The sit-in also led to the formation of SNCC (Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee).
- 1978 - Harriet Tubman, abolitionist and engineer of the Underground Railroad, was honored on the first of the U.S. Black History Month stamps series.
- 1982 - The Gambia and Senegal united as Senegambia. The union was dissolved in 1989.
- 1990 - Ida B. Wells-Barnett, reformer who gathered the first statistical records on lynchings in the United States, was commemorated on a U.S. postage stamp.
- FEBRUARY 2:** 1866 - Samuel R. Lowery was the first Afro-Descendent lawyer to argue a case before the U.S. Supreme Court.
- 1915 - Ernest E. Just, Biologist and Professor at Howard University Medical School, received the NAACP's Spingarn Medal for his pioneering work in fertilization.
- 1988 - James Weldon Johnson, the first Field Secretary of the NAACP / co-composer of "Lift Every Voice and Sing" (Black National Anthem), was commemorated on a U.S. postage stamp.

- 1990 - The 30 year ban on the African National Congress (ANC) was lifted in South Africa. The ANC elected Nelson Mandela as President of South Africa in 1994; and has been the dominant party up to this date. The ANC was founded in 1912.
- 2009 - Eric Holder was sworn in as the first Afro-Descendent Attorney General under the Obama Presidency.
- FEBRUARY 3:** 1870 - The 15th Amendment, giving Afro-Descendents the right to vote, was ratified.
- 1956 - Autherine Juanita Lucy became the first Afro-Descendent student at the University of Alabama.
- 1961 - Angolan independence struggle against Portugal began with an attack on a Lusaka prison.
- 1964 - Boycott of New York City schools in order to protest segregated education.
- 1969 - Eduardo Mondlane, leader of FRELIMO (Mozambique Liberation Front) was assassinated.
- FEBRUARY 4:** 1913 – Rosa Parks (initiator of the Montgomery Bus Boycott) was born in Tuskegee Alabama.
- 1969 – Angola’s MPLA (People’s Movement for Liberation Labour Party / Movimento Popular de Libertação de Angola – Partido do Trabalho) launched its armed struggle.
- 1920 – Andrew “Rube” Foster organized the Negro National League for baseball.
- 1959 – Congolese Nationalist Party (MNC), led by Patrice Lumumba, ousted Belgian colonialism.
- 1964 - 24th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution ended imposition of the poll tax as a voting requirement in Federal Elections.
- 1986 - Sojourner Truth, abolitionist and women’s rights advocate was commemorated on a U.S. postage stamp.
- FEBRUARY 5:** 1884 - W. Johnson, inventor, patented the Egg Beater (U.S. Patent # 292,821).
- 1934 - Henry "Hank" Aaron, baseball legend, was born in Mobile, Alabama. He played for the Milwaukee Braves over a 20-year span, and hit a record 755 homeruns in one season.
- 1958 - Clifton Reginald Wharton, Sr. became the first Afro-Descendent person to head a U.S. embassy in Europe. He was confirmed as Ambassador to Rumania (Romania).
- 1967 - President Nyerere of Tanzania made the Arusha Declaration on African socialism.
- FEBRUARY 6:** 1820 - The Mayflower of Liberia, the ship used for the first organized emigration of Africans back to Africa, left New York for Sierra Leone with 86 Africans / African Descendents.
- 1945 - Bob Marley, the "King of Reggae Music," was born in Saint Ann’s, Jamaica.
- 1969 - Anguilla declared its independence from St. Kitts following a referendum.
- FEBRUARY 7:** 1791 - Benjamin Banneker (inventor, surveyor, mathematician, and astronomer), made significant contributions to the layout of Washington, D.C.
- 1926 – “Negro History Week”, initiated by Carter G. Woodson, was observed for the first time.
- 1974 - The nation of Grenada became independent from Great Britain.
- 1986 - Cheikh Anta Diop, Egyptologist and author of “Civilization or Barbarism” and the “General History of Africa”, made his passage to the next life. Diop proved Egyptians were black and their culture predated and directly influenced Greek and Roman culture.
- FEBRUARY 8:** 1925 - Marcus Garvey was placed in the Atlanta federal prison. The Supreme Court refused to review his mail fraud conviction. Garvey was a “Black Nationalist”, Pan Africanist, and founder of the “United Negro Improvement Association” (UNIA) and the "Back to Africa" movement.
- 1968 - Three South Carolina State students were murdered by police during segregation protests in Orangeburg, South Carolina. It became known as “The Orangeburg Massacre”.
- 1986 - Debi Thomas, became the first Afro-Descendent person to win the Senior U.S. Singles Figure Skating Championship.

- FEBRUARY 9:** 1961 - Patrice Lumumba, Congolese Prime Minister, was murdered (assassinated?).
 1971 - Leroy "Satchel" Paige was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame.
 1995 - Dr. Bernard A. Harris, Jr. became the first Afro-Descendent astronaut to take a spacewalk.
- FEBRUARY 10:** 1780 – Captain Paul Cuffee and others petitioned the Massachusetts Legislature for the right to vote.
 1989 - Ronald (Ron) H. Brown was elected Chairman of the Democratic National Committee. Brown was the first Afro-Descendent person to head a major political party.
 2008 - Barack Obama won his 2nd Grammy for the Best Spoken Word Album (Audacity of Hope).
- FEBRUARY 11:** 1990 – Nelson Mandela was released after 27 years as a political prisoner in South Africa.
 2008 – Morgan Tsvangirai was sworn in as Prime Minister of Zimbabwe following a power-sharing deal with President Robert Mugabe.
- FEBRUARY 12:** 1793 - The “Fugitive Slave Law” was enacted by the U.S. Congress. It became an offence to harbor a fugitive slave.
 1865 - Henry Highland Garnet, first Afro-Descendent to speak in the Capitol, delivered a memorial sermon on the abolition of slavery. Garnet served as a pastor in Jamaica (1853-56) but returned to the United States during the Civil War and demanded that Abraham Lincoln permit the enlistment of Afro-Descendent soldiers. In 1881 Garnet was appointed minister to Liberia, and he died two months later on 13th February, 1882.
 1900 - “Lift Every Voice and Sing”, now known as the “National Anthem” for African Americans, was first performed by 500 children. The song was composed by James Weldon Johnson.
 1909 – The NAACP was founded by W.E.B. DuBois, Ida B. Wells and others. The group originally fought to abolish forced segregation and to enforce the 14th and 15th Amendments.
 1962 - Beginning of the boycott of segregated buses in Macon, Georgia.
- FEBRUARY 13:** 1923 - The Renaissance, the first Black pro basketball team, was organized.
 1970 - Joseph Searles became the first Afro-Descendent member of the New York Stock Exchange.
 1973 - Gertrude E. Downing and William Desjardin patented the Corner Cleaner Attachment (U.S. Patent No. 3,715,772).
 1991 - The Opposition National Democratic Party was formed in Kenya by Oginga Odinga.
- FEBRUARY 14:** 1817 – Frederick Douglass, “The Great Emancipator” was born as an enslaved person in Tuckahoe Maryland. A U.S. postage stamp was issued on his birthday 150 years later in 1967.
 1867 – Morehouse College was founded in Augusta Georgia (it was later moved to Atlanta).
 1879 - Blanche Kelso Bruce became the first Afro-Descendent (mixed heritage) to preside over the U.S. Senate.
 1920 - Mammie Smith became the first Afro-Descendent to make a record. She recorded “You Can’t Keep a Good Man Down” and “This Thing Called Love”.
 1936 - The National Negro Congress was formed with 817 delegates from over 500 organizations.
 1957 - The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) was formed with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as its President.
- FEBRUARY 15:** 1851 - African anti-slavery activists stormed a Boston court and liberated enslaved Africans.
 1897 - Dr. George Washington Carver, the “peanut scientist”, established a Branch Agricultural Experiment Station and Agricultural School at Tuskegee Normal School.
 1957 - The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) was organized.
 1961 – U.S. activists and African nationalists disrupted UN sessions to protest the slaying of Patrice Lumumba.
 1965 - The home of Malcolm X was bombed on this date - just days before his assassination.

- FEBRUARY 16:** 1826 - "The Liberia Herald" was the first newspaper published in Africa.
 1874 - Frederick Douglass was appointed President of the Freedman's Bank & Trust Company.
 1898 - R. Hearness, inventor, patented the Sealing Attachment for Bottles (Patent # 598,929).
 1970 - Joe Frazier became the World Heavyweight Boxing Champion after knocking out Jimmy Ellis.
 1972 - Wilt Chamberlain became the first NBA player to score 30,000 points (in 941 games).
 1996 - South Africa Supreme Court ordered admission of Afro-Descendent students to Potgietersrus Primary Scholl in a landmark post-apartheid ruling.
- FEBRUARY 18:** 1688 – The Quakers of Pennsylvania adopted the first formal anti-slavery resolution.
 1965 - The Gambia became independent, with David K. Jawara as its Prime Minister. It had been the last British colony in West Africa.
- FEBRUARY 19:** 1919 – W.E.B. DuBois organized the second Pan African Congress in Paris. 57 representatives met, 14 from Africa and 16 from U.S.A. The first conference was held in 1900.
- FEBRUARY 20:** 1885 - The town of Princeville, North Carolina was incorporated by Afro-Descendents and is the oldest in the U.S.
 1895 - Frederick Douglass, an Afro-Descendent speaker and organizer made his passage from this life.
 1900 - JF Pickering patented his airship (Patent # US643975).
 1987 - Jean Baptist Pointe Du Sable, the Afro-Descendent founder of Chicago, Illinois, was commemorated on a U.S. postage stamp.
 1993 - The First Afro-Descendent members of the South African cabinet were appointed.
- FEBRUARY 21:** 1965 - Omowale Malcolm X / El-Hajj Malik el-Shabazz was assassinated in New York City.
 1993 - Abou Diouf was re-elected as President of Senegal.
- FEBRUARY 22:** 1832 - The Female Antislavery Society of Salem was formed with Mary A. Battys as its first president.
 1962 – Wilt Chamberlain set a new NBA record with 34 attempted free throws.
- FEBRUARY 23:** 1868 - W.E.B. DuBois was born in Great Barrington, Massachusetts.
 1870 - Hiram Revels took his seat as the first Afro-Descendent U.S. Senator.
 1890 - Africans in Dahomey (present nation of Benin) defeated the French at Cottonou.
 1965 - Black Muslim headquarters in New York and San Francisco were burnt down.
 1965 - Constance Baker Motley was elected President of the Manhattan Borough. The highest elected office held by a black woman in a major U.S. city at this time.
- FEBRUARY 24:** 1966 – Kwame Nkrumah was overthrown by imperialists while he was in Beijing on a mission to end the Vietnam war.
 1992 - Edward Perkins, the first Afro-Descendent Ambassador to South Africa (1986), was nominated as UN Ambassador.
 1999 - Lauryn Hill, hip-hop and R&B diva, won five Grammy Awards, the most ever by a woman.
- FEBRUARY 25:** 1870 - Hiram Rhodes Revels, of Mississippi, was sworn in as the first Afro-Descendent U.S. Senator.
 1975 - Elijah Muhammed, leader of the Nation of Islam, made his passage to the next life.
 1996 - President Teodoro Obiang Nguema of Equatorial Guinea was re-elected.
- FEBRUARY 26:** 1870 - Wyatt Outlaw, leader of the Union League in Alamance County, North Carolina, was lynched.
 1926 – Theodore Flowers (aka "Tiger" and "The Georgia Deacon") became the first Afro-Descendent person to win the world middleweight championship.
 1965 - Jimmie Lee Jackson, civil rights activist, died of injuries inflicted by police officers in Marion, Alabama. Jackson was shot while defending his mother while leaving a voting-rights meeting.
 1974 - The Government of Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia resigned following capture of Asmara.
- FEBRUARY 27:** 1872 – Charlotte Ray became the first Afro-Descendent female lawyer after graduating from Howard

University's Law School.

1883 - W. B. Purvis, inventor, patented the Hand Stamp (Patent # 273,149).

1978 – Death of Robert Mangaliso Sobukwe, South African political dissident and Founder of the Pan Africanist Congress to oppose the apartheid regime.

1988 - Debi Thomas, figure skater, became the first Afro-Descendent American to win a medal (Bronze) at the Winter Olympics.

FEBRUARY 28: 1948 – Sargent Cornelius Adjetey became the first martyr for Ghana's independence.

1975 - The Lome Convention for economic co-operation between African states and the European Community was signed in Togo.

SPECIAL PAN AFRICAN PROJECTS / SYMPOSIA / TOURS / EVENTS

CURRENTLY SCHEDULED EVENTS THROUGH MAY 2018:

NOTE: Check the following websites for more national and international tours, festivals and conferences:

<http://www.soulofamerica.com/events/>

<https://africa.si.edu/exhibitions/current-exhibitions/senses-of-timevideo-and-film-based-works-of-africa/>

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FEBRUARY 1 - 28, 2018

"22ND GULLAH CELEBRATION"

The Hilton Head Island Gullah Celebration showcases the rich cultural heritage of the Gullah people and their history on Hilton Head Island. Come and experience the food and music; receive firsthand, historical information; and take a journey through the culture via the visual arts. Established in 1996, the Celebration is an annual event that was designed to create economic development opportunities for minority business owners, and to develop the cultural tourism market with a variety of events designed to attract local residents, regional, national and international travelers.

More info: 843-255-7303 OR <http://gullahcelebration.com/>

FEBRUARY 7, 2018 (Wednesday), 7 – 9 pm; No Fee

"BECOMING KAREEM: GROWING UP ON AND OFF THE COURT"

NBA Hall of Famer Kareem Abdul-Jabbar will discuss his latest book entitled, "Becoming Kareem: On and Off the Court". The author will explore his effort to establish his life purpose and identity. Written especially for young readers, the book chronicles how Kareem Abdul-Jabbar become the icon and legend he is today, both on and off the court.

Copies of the book will be available for sale and signing.

African American History & Culture Museum (Oprah Winfrey Theater),

1400 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20560

More info: <https://nmaahc.si.edu/calendar/event?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D126589341>

FEBRUARY 7 + 15 (Wednesday + Thursday), 2018; No fee

"AFRICA MONTH IN GUADELOUPE"

You are invited to visit and be involved in discussions on the International Decade for People of African Descent and implications for the French Caribbean islands. Speaker will be Marie-Evelyne Pétrus-Barry, Member of the UN Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent. 7 February, 7pm, at the Bibliotheque Guy Tirolien, Grand-Bourg de Marie-Galante & 15 February, 7pm, at the Bibliothèque de Morne-à-l'Eau, Guadeloupe.

NOTE: Events are scheduled from February 3 – March 3, 2018.

More info: for venues and full program (in French, with available translation): <https://associationracines.com>

FEBRUARY 8, 2018 (Thursday); 6:30 – 8 pm / RSVP required

"FAMILIAR FACES, UNEXPECTED LOCATIONS: A GLOBAL AFRICAN DIASPORA"

The United Nations Department of Public Information is pleased to invite you to the screening of this film that will be followed by a Q&A and discussion with Sheila S. Walker PhD (Film Maker, Cultural Anthropologist, and Executive Director of AfroDiaspora, Inc); and Professor Gloria Browne-Marshall (Associate professor of Constitutional Law at John Jay College of Criminal Justice). Venue: United Nations Headquarters, New York (Conference Room #4)

RSVP: <http://bit.ly/2DJxufD> OR

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1522qoirbARhFFiBUJ6tBKfCHOckJjAtNPCBznAPME/viewform?edit_requested=true

FEBRUARY 8 - 19, 2018 (Check website for screening dates + times + fees)

“THE 26TH ANNUAL PAN AFRICAN FILM + ARTS FESTIVAL”

A globally respected event that features Afro (Black) Movies and Afro (black) Art from around the world! Check the website for films to be screened. Programs and Special Events include: Saturday Morning Children’s Festival; Student Fest; Filmmaker Awards Brunch; Spoken Word; PAFF Fashion Show; Filmmakers’ Party; Community Forums AND MORE !

Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza, 3650 W Martin Luther King Jr Boulevard, Los Angeles 90008

More info / Tickets: 310-337-4737 OR <https://www.paff.org/>

FEBRUARY 15, 2018 (Thursday)

“ SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE FOR THE FRAMEWORK ON A DECLARATION ON THE PROMOTION AND FULL RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS OF PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT”

Note: use email to send submissions: africandescent@ohchr.org

The 22nd session of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, to be held in Geneva on 19-23 March 2018, will be dedicated to preparing for the Intergovernmental Working Group discussion on the elaboration of a Draft Declaration on the promotion and full respect of human rights of people of African descent. As part of the preparatory work, the Working Group would appreciate receiving views from all interested stakeholders on the scope of the Declaration on the promotion and full respect of human rights of people of African descent, and in particular the key human rights and specific guarantees the draft Declaration should include. It would also be useful to receive examples of the recognition of the specific human rights of people of African descent within international, regional and national instruments, and through adjudicatory mechanisms of international, regional and national institutions. This information may be sent to the WGEPAD Secretariat at the Anti-Racial Discrimination Section of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, United Nations Office at Geneva (e-mail: africandescent@ohchr.org). Please note that in order for your input to be considered during the Working Group’s 22nd session, submissions need to be received by 15 February .

FEBRUARY 22, 2018 (Thursday), 2 – 4 pm; No Fee

“W.E.B. DU BOIS: A BIOGRAPHY IN FOUR VOICES”

(1995, dir. Louis Massiah, 116 min, USA)

This will be a special screening to commemorate the 150th birthday (February 23) of Dr. William Edward Burghardt (W.E.B) Du Bois (1868-1963). The film offers unique insights into an eventful century in African American history. Born three years after the end of the Civil War, Du Bois witnessed the imposition of Jim Crow, its defeat by the Civil Rights Movement and the triumph of African independence struggles. Wesley Brown, Thulani Davis, Toni Cade Bambara and Amiri Baraka narrate successive periods of Du Bois' life and discuss its impact on their work. A conversation with director Louis Massiah will follow the screening of the 116 minute film that was released in 1995.

African American History & Culture Museum (Oprah Winfrey Theater),

1400 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20560

More info: <https://nmaahc.si.edu/calendar/event?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D126610153>

FEBRUARY 24, 2018 (Saturday), 10 am; \$100 +
“92ND ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY (AFRICAN HERITAGE) MONTH LUNCHEON:
HOSTED BY THE FOUNDERS OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH”

Join the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH)’s 92nd annual Black History (African Heritage) Month luncheon with more than 1000 educators, students, and community members from all walks of life. In 1926, ASALH’s founder Dr. Carter G. Woodson created the annual Black History celebration, which highlights a theme of historical and current importance. This year’s theme is “African Americans in Times of War.” The luncheon program will feature distinguished representatives of the United States Armed Forces who will discuss a range of topics, illuminating the extraordinary impact of African American military personnel who served their country while also fighting racism and inequality overseas and in the United States.

Washington Renaissance Hotel, 999 Ninth Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

More info / Tickets / Hotel Reservations: <https://asalh.org/annual-black-history-luncheon/>

FEBRUARY 28 – MARCH 4, 2018; \$1,900 (Land package)

“REMEMBERING OUR CONNECTION WITH OUR ANCESTORS: A WORKSHOP WITH MALIDOMA SOME”

Make a special trip to Negril in Jamaica for a 5-day session with Maildoma Some: a Professor; an African Elder for Burkina Faso; and world recognized leader/trainer for African spiritual traditions. This is a wonderful opportunity to align more deeply with your inner guide; and to honor and connect with your Ancestors whose shoulders you stand on. Maildoma has been given the privilege and responsibility to provide participants with tools for moving into a more peaceful and empowered way of being both within themselves and the community. The fee includes: workshop, accommodations at Jackie’s On The Reef in Negril, breakfast, dinner, yoga, airport transfer, and two spa treatments.

Private divinations are available on request. Visit Maildoma’s website for other tours and special events.

More info / Reservations: 646-228-7878 OR jackiesonthereef@rcn.com OR
<http://malidoma.com/main/events/event/ritual-workshop-at-jackies-on-the-reef/>

MARCH 8 – 11, 2018; \$75 Student / \$150 General

“INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT / SUMMIT IDPAD-S 2018”

Summit IDPAD-S 2018 will take place in Georgetown Guyana, and will: audit where we are as a people; rationalize where we ought to be as a people; and set goals for 2024. IDPAD-S 2018 will bring African Descendants from around the world to focus on eradicating the plight of African descendants through the implementation of possible solutions to issues affecting the Race. The conference will encourage delegates: to collaborate more fully across disciplines; and to share working models that can assist in the development of African descendants and their communities. Delegates may openly discuss the serious issues facing them, as well as the solutions they envision and ways of implementing them sConfirmed speakers include: Dr. Julius Garvey, Prof. Verene Shepard, Mr. Anthony Browder, Dr. Ahmed Reid, Ms. LaTosha Brown, Mr. Terrence Southern and Ms. Faya Rose Toure. Confirmation for additional speakers is forthcoming.

More info / Application: <https://www.idpadsummit.com/>

MARCH 17, 2018

“MARCH AGAINST RACISM – UN ANTI-RACISM DAY”

The UN’s International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination was inaugurated in 1966 to commemorate the 1960 Sharpeville massacre when 69 anti-apartheid protestors killed and 178 wounded for taking to the streets against the regime’s racist pass laws. In commemorating the massacre, the UN General Assembly called on all world states and organizations to participate in a program of action to combat racism and racial discrimination.

More info: <http://www.standuptoracism.org.uk/march-racism-un-anti-racism-day-saturday-17-march-2018/>

MARCH 21 – 25, 2018

“NATIONAL SOCIETY OF BLACK ENGINEERS 44TH ANNUAL CONVENTION”

The Annual Convention showcases Afro students and professionals who have a passion for STEM; who are high achievers in these fields; and who are channeling their dedication to advance their communities and society at large. #NSBE44 will attract more than 10,000 aspiring and practicing engineers, educators, representatives of more than 200 academic institutions, government agencies, corporations and nonprofit organizations. The convention will feature high-profile speakers, panel discussions, dynamic workshops, networking sessions, community engagement events, technical and scientific competitions, hands-on engineering and science activities and the premier career fair (including scholarship info) geared toward African Americans in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

More info: 703-549-2207 OR <http://www.nsbe.org/Events/Convention-2018.aspx>

ONGOING PAN AFRICAN PROJECTS / SYMPOSIA / TOURS / EVENTS

(Check each website for current activities / programs / resources)

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SAVE NUBIA PROJECT

A special project coordinated by Bay Area's Professor Manu Ampim to document that the areas designated for dam construction in northern and central Sudan should be preserved. The areas are valuable UNESCO World Heritage Sites in danger of being destroyed, and are homelands of the Nubians who have occupied the area for millennia.

More info / to assist with the project: 510-273-2456 OR info@savenubia.org OR www.SaveNubia.org

AFRICA FOR THE AFRICANS: TOURS AND INVESTMENTS

(Check website for details on future tours; videos of previous tours; and special events)

Consider the ultimate journey to the motherland and the Diaspora to experience a vibrant Africa with a mix of roots, culture, paradise, night life, shopping, networking, business and investment opportunities. Upcoming tours are:

“GHANA REPATRIATION & INVESTMENT TOUR”: May 23 - June 5, 2018

“BRAZIL ROOTS & CULTURE TOUR”: July 20 – 29, 2018

“ETHIOPIA & TANZANIA ROOTS TOUR”: November 16 - 29, 2018

NOTE: Prices for these tours are “all-inclusive” and include: full accommodations and round trip flights from the U.S.; daily exercise and meditation sessions; daily breakfast & dinner; hotel accommodations; business & investment networking; and transportation & access to all tour sites & activities.

<http://www.africafortheafricans.org/>

BLACK FAMILY LIFE AND CULTURE, INC.

Black Family Life and Culture's vision is to utilize its rich thirty-five (35) year history of culturally based research and program development to provide the African American community the tools to reclaim ownership of their health and wellness by Reunifying the Families, Revitalizing the Community and Reestablishing the Culture.

"Mu Kala Kintwadi Ya Tubu I Mu Zinga" (To know one's origins, is to live forever) African Proverb

<http://blackfamily-life.org/>

INSPIRE HEALTH SOLUTIONS, LLC!

Inspire Health Solutions, LLC provides services, products and resources to minority women that are designed to motivate, innovate, invent and inspire! Encouragement and inspiration is offered through some of the featured motivational books written by Dr. J. Nwando Olayiwola; including “Minority Women Professionals (MWP’s are MVP’s”); as well as customized workshops, training, consultation and coaching. Scholarships are available.

More info / Event registration: <http://inspirehealthllc.com/>

“ONE AFRICA HEALTH RESORT, RESTAURANT & WELLNESS CENTER”

Tours or retreats to this healing retreat, at the One Africa Health Resort in Ghana, provide rejuvenation in a quaint Afrikan village style environment. Fourteen day tours are priced from \$2,500 and include roundtrip airfare from New York City. Tour sites included in the itinerary are the: W.E.B. DuBois Centre, Kwame Nkrumah Memorial, Cultural Art Center, Makola Market, Elmina and Cape Coast Slave Dungeons; and more.

More info / Tickets: 011-233-20-750-1221 OR <http://www.oneafricaghana.com/>

UPCOMING EVENTS SUPPORTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT

<http://www.un.org/en/events/africandescentdecade/upcoming-events.shtml>

LINKS FOR LOCAL & INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION / RESOURCES / EVENTS

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BAY AREA

1. **AFRICA TODAY WITH WALTER TURNER:** check updates on contemporary developments in Africa, the Caribbean, South America, the United States, and more. Mondays, 7 – 8 pm on KPFA Radio, 94.1 FM. Listen online to current and past programs.
<https://kpfa.org/program/africa-today/>
2. **AFRICAN AMERICAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (AAGSNC):** check details and dates for Bay Area monthly study groups and weekly assistance with African Heritage / Genealogy research.
<http://www.aagsnc.org/> OR 510-531-3905
3. **AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY HEALTH EQUITY COUNCIL:** an independent community group in collaboration with the San Francisco Department of Public Health's African American Health Initiative. Committed to close the gap of negative health disparities affecting people of African descent by sharing e-health information and resources that promote effective health policies, community action and well being.
<http://www.bcoa.org/> OR <http://rafikicoalition.org/news.html#events>
4. **AFRICAN AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS -- BAY AREA**
 - San Francisco BayView (online): <http://sfbayview.com/>
 - The Sun Reporter + California Voice (subscription info only):
<http://www.sunreporter.com/tosubscribe.html>
 - The Oakland Post and Post Newspaper Group Online. Includes news for Oakland, Berkeley, Richmond, San Francisco, Marin, South County and Vallejo.
<http://postnewsgroup.com/>
5. **AFRICAN AMERICAN PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (AAPAC)**
<http://www.sfusd.edu/en/councils-committees/african-american-parent-advisory-council.html>
The mission of the African American Parent Advisory Council (AAPAC) is to provide a forum to hear the ideas of the San Francisco Unified School District's African American parent community, and respond to those ideas by educating and informing parents of district resources, policies, and programs.
6. **AFRICANA STUDIES COMMUNITY RESEARCH CENTER AT MERRITT COLLEGE:** The Department of African American Studies provides curriculum for African American history to be used on ipads and/or computers that is fully ADA compliant for hearing and visually impaired learners and accessible in Spanish. It also includes a Black Family Research Specialist who works 2 days a week to train persons on genealogy processes.
510-434-3935 OR 510-531-4911 OR <http://postnewsgroup.com/> OR <http://www.merritt.edu/wp/afam/>
OR https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7E_9UJQ0UJg&feature=youtu.be
7. **AFRICANA STUDIES / PROFESSOR MANU AMPIM:** check his Save Nubia Project, African studies / radio program, educational tours, e-store, publications, special events, lectures and more.
<http://www.manuampim.com/>

8. **AFROCENTRIC OAKLAND:** promote individual and community rejuvenation and cultural pride through art.
<http://www.afrocentricoakland.com/>
9. **AKILI DADA:** check details and activities of the Africa and San Francisco Branches coordinate transformative leadership for young women from underprivileged backgrounds in Africa and the U.S.
<http://www.akilidada.org/#home>
10. **AUSAR AUSET SOCIETY---WEST COAST:** check details for the West Coast chapter that carries on the mission of Ausar Auset Society International by: offering monthly classes on the material created by Ra Un Nefer Amen I; providing an outlet for the supplies and materials of AASI; and by creating a community environment through which one can live out the Kamitic spiritual system with others.
<http://www.ausarasetwestcoast.com/>
11. **AVOTCJA:** check info and links to Avotcja's activities as a D.J., poet, musician with Modupe; and more.
<http://www.avotcja.org/>
12. **BAOBOB:** Bay Area Organization of Black Owned Businesses: supports Black owned businesses and their customers, who agree that keeping our dollars circulating within our community is tantamount to Black empowerment in the Bay Area and beyond.
<http://baobobdirectory.com/>
13. **BARBARA LEE'S CALIFORNIA CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT #13:** keep up-to-date on international /national / regional / local issues and events that impact on the Bay Area represented by Congresswoman Barbara Lee.
<http://lee.house.gov/>
14. **BAY AREA BLACK UNITED FUND (BABUF):** strives to improve Bay Area African-American wellness by: putting needed resources into the community; compiling a Health Conductors list; and by engaging the community in leading healthier lives. Check info and more.
<http://www.babuf.org/>
15. **BAY AREA PERFORMING ARTS COLLECTIVE:** Established in 1987, the organization writes, directs and produces quality production throughout the Bay Area; and is based at the Malonga Casquelourd Center for the Arts.
<http://bayareapac.wix.com/bapac>
16. **BLACK ORGANIZING PROJECT (BOP):** working for racial, social and economic justice through grassroots community organizing and policy-change.
<http://blackorganizingproject.org/>
17. **CENTER FOR POLITICAL EDUCATION:** a Bay Area group building powerful movements from below and the left through education, analysis, theory, and dialogue.
<http://www.politicaleducation.org/>
18. **DIAMANO COURA WEST AFRICAN DANCE COMPANY:** provides classes / workshops for West African dance and music at the Malonga Casquelourd Center for the Arts in Oakland. The Company has professional performances locally, nationally and internationally.
<http://www.diamanocoura.org/>
19. **DOWNTOWN TAY:** Empowering the young adult community (16-24 years old) in Alameda County. Connecting to culture; inspiring hope; cultivating creativity; supporting wellness and promoting critical thinking.
<http://www.downtowntay.org/>

20. **EAST OAKLAND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER (EOYDC):** EOYDC develops the social, higher education and leadership capacities of youth and young adults (ages 6 – 24).
<http://eoydc.org/>
21. **ELLA BAKER CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS:** advances racial and economic justice to ensure dignity and opportunity for low-income people and people of color.
<http://ellabakercenter.org/>
22. **FREEDOM FARMERS' MARKET:** check the African American farmer's site for ordering your "Harvest Box" and to learn about farming or assist those wishing to maintain or create sustainable farms.
<http://freedomfarmersmarket.com/>
23. **HAITI ACTION COMMITTEE---BAY AREA:** check details and info for local and global initiatives and events.
<http://www.haitisolidarity.net/index>
24. **HUNTERS POINT FAMILY:** grass-roots, community-based organization providing holistic programs supporting at-risk youth and young adults living in BayView Hunters Point, San Francisco.
<http://hunterspointfamily.org/>
25. **IJO ADULAWO ORISA TEMPLE OF OAKLAND:** Ijo Adulawo means the temple of Black Theology. Main objective is to promote spiritual development in the Bay Area through the study and practice of the Orisa Lifestyle. Online products and services available.
<http://ijoadulawo.weebly.com/> + <http://www.orisalifestyle.com/>
26. **JAMAICAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (JAANC):** check details and info for local and global initiatives and events.
<http://www.jaanc.org/>
27. **NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SACRED WOMAN CIRCLE:** receive and provide Sisterhood support through the Gateways and beyond! Services include Kemetic & Womb Yoga; and products include holistic teas, tonics, elixars, soaking salts and more.
<http://www.holisticpsr.org/>
28. **ORISHA LIFESTYLE ACADEMY:** organization to develop and renew the community through special projects.
<http://www.orisalifestyle.com/>
29. **OUSD RESTORATIVE JUSTICE:** Oakland Unified School Districts program that pilots a three-tiered model of prevention/ intervention/ supported reentry in response to conflict/harm.
<http://www.ousd.org/Page/12324>
30. **OUTDOOR AFRO:** reconnects African-Americans with natural spaces and one another through camping, hiking, biking, fishing, gardening and more.
<http://www.meetup.com/Outdoor-Afro/>
31. **PAN AFRICAN CITY ALIVE:** check the online store and Resource Center in Sunnyvale, CA for African art, clothing, books, culture, etc.
<http://www.panafricanstore.com/default.aspx>
32. **PERALTA HACIENDA HISTORICAL PARK:** check the Oral History Project ("I Hear, I Keep: Stories From Oakland's Griots"). Wednesdays – Sundays, 2465 34th Avenue, Oakland, 510-532-9142
www.peraltahacienda.org

33. **PRIORITY AFRICA NETWORK (PAN):** check the Bay Area's website for Pan African affairs, resources, organizations, events, news and updates, African Immigration, African restaurants, etc.
<http://www.priorityafrica.org/index.html>
34. **QILOMBO:** a radical / forward movement community social center / organization.
<http://qilombo.org/>
35. **RED BAY COFFEE:** Check the website to purchase coffee and gifts in Oakland or San Francisco, at some Farmer's Markets or online. Fosters single origin, fair trade, direct trade, organic and sustainable coffees.
www.redbaycoffee.com
36. **USHIRIKA KENYA Inc.:** check details and activities for the community-based nonprofit organization dedicated to building a strong, united and thriving Kenyan community in Northern California and throughout the U.S.
https://www.facebook.com/pages/Ushirika-Kenya-Inc/119089438101741?hc_location=timeline
37. **VILLAGE-CONNECT:** the mission is to build the capacity of people to become more self-aware and self-directed, resulting in sustainable positive transformation. The Project has received many awards.
<http://www.village-connect.org/>
38. **WANDA'S PICKS:** check Bay Area events, radio show, blog, etc.
<http://wandaspicks.com/current-picks/>
39. **YOUTH SPEAKS:** founded in 1996 in San Francisco, and champions a local, national, and increasingly global movement of young people picking up pens and stepping proudly onto stages, declaring themselves present.
<http://youthspeaks.org/#>

REGIONAL / NATIONAL / INTERNATIONAL

40. **ALL AFRICA:** online news for all of Africa.
<http://allafrica.com/>
41. **ALL-AFRICAN PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY (AAPRP):** a permanent, independent, revolutionary, socialist, Pan-African Political Party based in Africa.
<http://www.aaprp-intl.org/>
42. **AFRICA TIMES NEWS: THE AFRICAN NETWORK INFORMATION CENTER:** comprehensive access in French and English to events in and about all countries in Africa. Organized by a group of young African journalists.
<http://www.africa-times-news.com/>
43. **AFRICAN AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS—NATIONAL**
- The Final Call: <http://www.finalcall.com/>
 - National Newspaper Publishers Association—list of member newspapers:
http://www.nnpa.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=16&Itemid=45
44. **AFRICA GREAT LAKES NETWORKING FOUNDATION (AGL):** committed to transform communities in Kenya and the Diaspora through education, information dissemination for knowledge, skills and sustainability.
<http://africagreatlakesnetworkingfoundation.org/>

45. **AFRICAN GLOBE: BLACK NEWS, POLITICS AND INFORMATION:** dedicated to the propagation and the dissemination of news and information relating to, and of importance to African Peoples worldwide. Includes videos, biographies, etc.
<http://www.africanglobe.net/>
46. **AFRICAN NEWSPAPERS ONLINE**
<http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/africa-newspapers.htm>
47. **AFRICAN NEWSPAPERS ON THE INTERNET:** provided by Stanford University.
<http://library.stanford.edu/depts/ssrg/africa/current2.html>
48. **AFRICAN / PAN AFRICAN NEWSPAPERS AND NEWS SITES**
<http://www.world-newspapers.com/africa.html>
49. **AFRICAN UNION (AU):** official organization for 53 member African nations and the African Diaspora, with the head office in Ethiopia. Formerly Organization of African Union (OAU).
- For info on each nation, and all AU programs and projects: <http://www.au.int/en/>
 - For info about “Agenda 2063” (50 year proposals / projects for Africa): <http://agenda2063.au.int/>
 - For live stream of important meetings: <http://summits.au.int/en/livestream?q=livestream>
50. **AFRICAN WOMEN’S DEVELOPMENT FUND - USA:** a coalition of African women and their U.S. allies for various projects.
www.awdf.org/awdf-usa OR www.awdf.org (sister organization)
51. **AFRICANS RISING:** a growing and self-selecting collective of social movements, NGOs, peoples and popular social justice movements, intellectuals, artists, sports people, cultural activists and others, across the continent and Diaspora.
<http://www.africans-rising.org/>
52. **AFROPOP: THE ULTIMATE CULTURAL EXCHANGE:** links to special worldwide Afro TV / Media presentations. A series on the present day realities and contemporary lifestyles of Africans, on the continent and the Diaspora.
<http://afropop.tv/>
53. **AFRICANS DESERVE REPARATIONS:** Coordinated by Baba Jahahara Amen-RA Alkebulan-Ma'at, Life Member & Past National Co-Chair of N'COBRA (National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America), and Founder of Foundations for Our New Alkebulan/Afrikan Millennium (FONAMI) and AFRICANS DESERVE REPARATIONS Campaign.
<http://www.africansdeservereparations.com/index.html>
54. **ALL AFRICAN PEOPLE’S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY (AAPRP):** a permanent, independent, revolutionary, socialist, Pan-African Political Party based in Africa. The All-African People’s Revolutionary Party recognizes that African People born and living in over 113 countries are one People, with one culture, one Nation and one destiny.
<http://www.aaprp-intl.org/>
55. **AMERICA’S BLACK HOLOCAUST MUSEUM:** virtual galleries and links to resources to educate the public about the ongoing injustices endured by people of African heritage in America.
<http://www.abhmuseum.org/>

56. **ARISTIDE FOUNDATION FOR DEMOCRACY:** community and internationally sponsored programs which include the new Medical School at UNIFA (University of the Aristide Foundation) in Ayiti (Haiti).
<http://www.aristidefoundationfordemocracy.org/>
57. **ATLANTA BLACK STAR:** online resource for global Pan African information on all topics (health, travel, politics, TV & film, lifestyle, parenting and more)
<http://atlantablackstar.com/>
58. **BLACK AGENDA REPORT:** e-newsletter, business news/networks/incentives, etc.
<http://www.blackagendareport.com/>
59. **BLACK ALLIANCE FOR JUST IMMIGRATION (BAJI):** educates and engages African American and black immigrant communities to organize and advocate for racial, social and economic justice. Has a Bay Area branch.
<http://blackalliance.org/>
60. **BLACK BUSINESS NETWORK:** products sold from Black-owned businesses to Black consumers.
<http://www.blackbusinessnetwork.com/Home/>
61. **BLACK DOCTOR:** healthy living and tips for African Americans.
<http://blackdoctor.org/search/index.aspx>
62. **BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN THE UK:** magazine and official guide to events.
<http://officialblackhistorymonthuk.co.uk/>
63. **BLACK IN LA (LOS ANGELES):** news and listings of events in and around and originating from Los Angeles.
<http://www.blacknla.com/wp2/>
64. **BLACK MONEY:** provides the African-American market the same critical business information which drives major economies.
<http://www.blackmoney.com/>
65. **BLACK PUBLIC MEDIA / NATIONAL BLACK PROGRAMMING CONSORTIUM (NBPC):** founded in 1979, the NBPC develops, produces, distributes and funds media content about the Black experience for public media outlets. Content provided online at BlackPublicMedia.org and via broadcast through AfroPoP: The Ultimate Cultural Exchange documentary series.
<http://blackpublicmedia.org/>
66. **BLACK STAR PROJECT:** operates nationally with a belief in the strength of parental and community involvement in education to eliminate the racial academic achievement gap.
<http://blackstarproject.org/action/>
67. **BLACK WOMEN FOR WELLNESS - LOS ANGELES (BWWLA):** is committed to the health and well-being of Black women and girls through health education, empowerment and advocacy.
<http://www.bwwla.org/>
68. **BLACK WOMEN'S HEALTH IMPERATIVE:** dedicated to promoting optimum health for Black women across the life span - physically, mentally and spiritually.
<http://www.healthyblackwomen.org/>

69. CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION TEXAS (CAHFT):
<http://caribbeanheritagetx.org/>
<https://www.youtube.com/user/TheCAHFT> (YouTube TV channel)
70. CARICOM / CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY SECRETARIAT: partnership of Caribbean nations for regional projects and development. Represented in PAHO (Pan American Health Organization) and UN (United Nations).
<http://www.caricom.org>
71. CENTER FOR THE RESTORATION OF MA'AT: New York based organization providing courses, tours, TV and radio programs about the Kemetic legacy.
http://www.centerformaat.com/About_KLT.html
72. THE CIVIL RIGHTS AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROJECT (CRRJ) – Northeastern University School of Law: serves as a resource for scholars, policymakers, and organizers involved in initiatives seeking justice for crimes of the civil rights era.
<http://nuweb9.neu.edu/civilrights/>
73. CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT VETERANS: includes important links and timeline of civil rights events from 1951 – 1968.
<http://www.crmvet.org/>
74. CONGRESS OF SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS (COSAS): international organization for free, compulsory and relevant education and training systems that embrace democracy and equity and quality for students.
<http://cosas.co.za/>
75. COLORED CONVENTIONS: info for conventions of African Descendents from 1830, organized by educators. Includes links, videos and other important info.
<http://coloredconventions.org/conventions>
76. FEDERATION OF SOUTHERN COOPERATIVES / LAND ASSISTANCE FUNDS: an organization committed to save Black-Owned Land Since 1967 With Cooperatives.
<http://www.federationsoutherncoop.com/>
77. FAWOHODIE SUA: Online Pan African educational co-op classes for youth.
<http://www.fawohodieonlineclasses.com/home>
78. INSTITUTE OF THE BLACK WORD 21ST CENTURY: for building the capacity of Black communities in the U.S. to work for the social, political, economic and cultural upliftment of the global Black community.
<http://ibw21.org>
79. INTERNATIONAL BLACK WOMEN'S CONGRESS: an international, non-profit networking organization; setting exemplary models of womanhood for building up African people worldwide.
<http://www.ibwc.us/>
80. THE INTERNATIONAL COALITION TO COMMEMORATE AFRICAN ANCESTORS OF THE MIDDLE PASSAGE (ICCAAMP): organizes and lists international activities that are designed to remember the millions of Africans who were sold, kidnapped, shipped then died along the route from Africa to the Americas.
<http://www.remembertheancestors.com/>

81. **KNOWLEDGE FOR LIFE:** founded in 1997 to bring relevant news, information and life enhancing programs to the Black community via multimedia.
<http://www.know4life.org/> + News: <http://know4life.tumblr.com/>
82. **MALCOLM X GRASS ROOTS MOVEMENT:** information about today's community issues.
<http://mxgm.org/>
83. **MAAT INSTITUTE FOR HOLISTIC EDUCATION:** organized study tours and curriculum to learn Kemet and ancient wisdom.
<http://www.centerformaat.com/maatinstitute-aboutus.html>
84. **MY CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY:** regional social club, events, videos, TV, photos and more.
<http://mycaribbean.us/>
85. **NAARVA.com:** the National African American RVer's Association, Inc. is a special RV Organization for "US" like no other RV Camping Organization.
<http://naarva.com/>
86. **NCOBRA / National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America:** a mass-based coalition organized for the sole purpose of obtaining reparations for African descendants in the United States.
<http://www.ncobraonline.org/>
87. **PAMBAZUKA NEWS:** Pan African Voices for Freedom and Justice.
<http://www.pambazuka.org/en/>
88. **PAN AFRICAN NETWORK IN DEFENSE OF MIGRANTS RIGHTS (PANIDMR):** an Africa-led organization that promotes the well being and interests of migrants, refugees and stateless persons from Africa.
<http://www.panidmr.org/>
89. **RACE FOR THE TIMES (RFT):** provides links to national and global projects for understanding racial issues. Includes in-depth interviews, conscious hip hop, radio archives and more.
<http://www.raceforthetimes.com/tags/african-internationalism>
90. **RACIAL EQUALITY TOOLS:** this site offers tools, research, tips, curricula and ideas for those working toward racial equity and racial justice at every level – in systems, organizations, communities and the culture at large.
<http://racialequitytools.org/home>
91. **REGGAE WELLNESS:** Connecting Natural Health Care Seekers with Natural Health Care Givers. Based in Jamaica.
<https://reggaewellness.com/>
92. **RESTITUTION STUDY GROUP (RSG):** a non-profit institute based in New York City to examine and execute innovative approaches to healing the injuries of exploited and oppressed people. The RSG partners with community advocates bringing about litigation, legislation, genealogy and DNA research.
<http://www.rsgincorp.com/index.html>
93. **SISTA WORKS:** an organization to connect women and girls of African Descent worldwide to enrich one another and discover the resources to fulfill their dreams.
<http://www.sistaworks.org/>

94. **VISIONS & VICTORIES: VOICES FROM THE WORLD AFRICAN COMMUNITY** (monthly newsletter by WO'SE's Brother Mxolisi).
<http://hcvoice.wordpress.com>
95. **WORLD AFRICAN DIASPORA UNION (WADU)**: Pan African events, history and information from renowned global Pan African Leaders.
<http://www.wadupam.org/>
96. **YENOBA.COM**: free website featuring many major achievements and important dates for /by people of African Descent. It includes inventions, and leadership that have helped mankind world-wide.
<http://www.yenoba.com/>
97. **ZENVIBA CAPITAL CORPORATION**: a non-profit investment bank that makes direct measurable impacts in underserved urban and rural communities.
<http://www.zenviba.com/index.html>

BOOK SALES FOR AFRICAN / AFRODESCENDENT HISTORY & HERITAGE

A SHORT LIST OF SITES FOR AFRO-CENTRIC BOOKS (REVIEWS AND PURCHASE)

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1. **AFRICA'S 100 BEST BOOKS OF THE 20TH CENTURY** - The ASC (African Studies Center) Leiden Library, compiled a dossier on Africa's 100 Best Books of the 20th Century project. It includes an introduction, the top twelve list, the top hundred list, and a selection of Web resources
<http://www.ascleiden.nl/content/webdossiers/africas-100-best-books-20th-century>
2. **ASHAY BY THE BAY** – African American and Multi-Cultural Children's Books
Online catalog with 600+ bi-lingual and picture books and products. Provides special reading lists online and online or onsite book fairs for fundraising. Orders may be taken online, by email, phone or fax.
www.ashaybythebay.com
3. **THE BLACK BOOK REVIEW ONLINE**
<http://www.qbr.com>
4. **BLACK BOOK PLUS** - Knowledge Books
NOTE: you may choose books from other categories such as Africa, Caribbean, etc.
Publisher + online bookstore: <http://www.blackbookplus.com/KNOWLEDGE%20BOOKS.asp>
5. **BLACK BOOKS DIRECT** – African American History
NOTE: you may choose books from other categories such as Africa, children's books, arts & media, bargain books, etc.
Online bookstore: <http://www.blackbooksdirect.com/history.html>
6. **MARCUS BOOK STORE** - Home Library Must-Haves
NOTE: you may choose from other categories such as art, history, elementary, middle School, high School, politics, science fiction, self-help, etc. Self-directed Book Clubs may meet at the Marcus Bookstore.
Oakland + online: <http://marcusbooksoakland.com/>
7. **PAN AFRICAN CITY LIVE** – Special collection of African and African American books.
Culture and Bookstore in Sunnyvale + online: <http://panafricancity.com/product-category/books/>
8. **PER ANKH PUBLISHERS** (owned by AYI KWEI ARMAH - author of "Two Thousand Seasons")
Online bookstore (Bay Area distributor / facilitator): <http://www.perankhbooks.com/>